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 The Polish church issued a strong and pessimistic statement, warning that the recent wave of street violence could lead to a threat to the nation's existence. — Page 20

Schmidt's coalition falls as FDP quits

BONN, Sept. 17 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition, which has governed West Germany for 13 years, collapsed Friday and Schmidt called for new elections.

But opposition conservatives indicated they would oppose the Social Democratic chancellor's plan to stay in office until fall elections can be set. If the opposition can halt Schmidt's plan for new elections, West Germany could have a new leader as early as next week.

A stony-faced but calm Schmidt issued the call for new elections in a midday speech to the Bundestag, the West German parliament, after four Free Democrat cabinet ministers resigned from the governing alliance with Schmidt's Social Democrats, capping a long-running fight over economic policies. "I have soberly examined situation with my closest political friends since the cabinet meeting this Wednesday," the 63-year-old Schmidt said in a 40-minute speech.

"We unanimously came to the result that new elections for the Bundestag would indeed be the best way to lead out of the inner political crisis," he said.

Schmidt proposed that he and the other 11 Social Democrats in the cabinet lead a minority-run government until new elections — "about the end of November" — unless the opposition conservative Christian Democrats move to replace them.

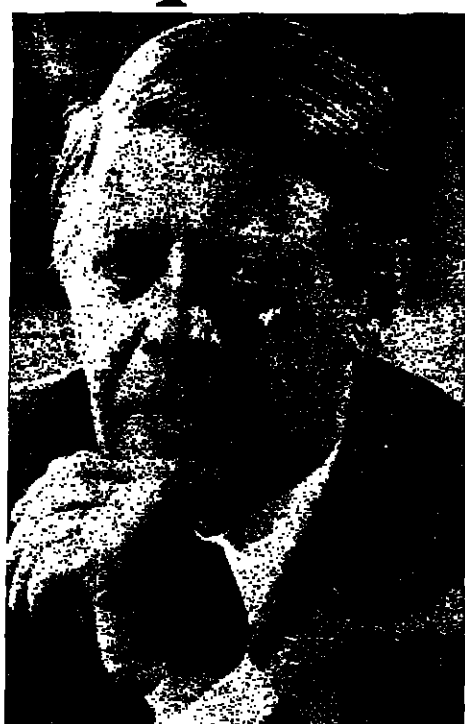
Christian Democratic leader Helmut Kohl, in a brief speech 90 minutes after Schmidt's, indicated the party would try to oust Schmidt, who has repeatedly refused to resign despite months of wrangling over budgetary policy. "We will try to form a new government capable of a majority as soon as possible and then put it to the decision of the voters," Kohl said. Kohl said: "You (Schmidt) sought as a patriot to do your best in your office, and it would now be your patriotic duty to resign."

The constitution provides that the Bundestag, which elects the chancellor, can oust the chancellor with a no-confidence vote if at the same time the Bundestag can elect a successor. If the Christian Democrats take this route, a new leader could be picked within days.

But Schmidt, who wants to remain chancellor until the proposed new elections, wants parliament to follow another article of the constitution. That article allows the chancellor to call for a vote of confidence, which Schmidt says he will do. If he loses, he can ask President Karl Carstens to dissolve parliament and order new elections held within 60 days.

Schmidt said he wants his Social Democrats to abstain when he calls the confidence vote in order to force elections. In the meantime, Schmidt appointed himself and three other Social Democratic cabinet members to take over the portfolios of the four Free Democrats who resigned. That means four cabinet members will now have two jobs.

The collapse of the coalition government sparked one of the strongest rallies for



Helmut Schmidt

several years on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange but other German financial markets reacted more cautiously. Dealers said that after Chancellor Helmut Schmidt called for new elections, investors rushed to buy shares on hopes that a more conservative administration would take power and the rally, which began earlier this week, steamed ahead.

Franjeh is 'surprised'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AFP) — Former Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh described the assassination of President-elect Bashir Gemayel as "an agreeable surprise" but added that his thirst for vengeance had not been satisfied.

Unhappily, I was not responsible for his death. We have tried since 1978, but we have had no luck," Franjeh said in an interview published Friday in *The Washington Post*.

The Christian Phalangists, led by Gemayel, allegedly slew Tony Franjeh, the former president's son, along with his wife and daughter in 1978. The former president said that his son's death would not be avenged according to Christian Maronite tradition until a personal vendetta against members of the Gemayel family had been carried out.

Amin Gemayel, has just been designated the Phalangist candidate for the forthcoming presidential elections.

'Israel is culprit'

TUNIS, Sept. 17 (AFP) — Examination of the remote control system which detonated the explosives that killed Lebanese president-elect under the rubble of his Phalangist Party headquarters points suspicions to Israel, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported here Friday.

The device was found on the roof of a nearby building, Wafa reported. Israel, which has sophisticated American electronic equipment, is the only country in the region to possess such devices, Wafa reported in a dispatch from Beirut. The agency said explosives were placed under the place where Gemayel was to sit last Tuesday.

House-to-house search in Beirut

BEIRUT, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — The Israeli invading forces who Friday rejected the United States call to withdraw, conducted a house-to-house search in West Beirut after completing the city's occupation. They also made mass arrests, rounding up over 1,000 persons, notably in areas along the coast road, *An-Nahar* reported quoting police sources.

The newspaper said Israelis moved into one suburb with loudspeakers and ordered all men into the street. They were then marched to the beach and taken to a hotel for questioning. The daily added that Israeli forces rounded up young men in Wadi Abou-Jamil, close to the old city center, and took them to the Hilton Hotel, near the port.

Soviet diplomats said Israeli troops have occupied the Soviet Embassy's consulate, school and residence in the Corniche Mazraa commercial thoroughfare. But the Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said "we deny officially that we took the Soviet embassy in Beirut."

Fierce street fighting raged near the headquarters of West Beirut's main nationalist militia group. Security sources said the battles were concentrated in the Corniche Mazraa area, where the Murabitoun (vigilant) militia have their main base.

The Murabitoun's private radio station "Voice of Arab Lebanon", whose studios are nearby, broadcast music instead of its usual news bulletins at 0730 and 0830 local time (0530 and 0630 GMT) and then stopped transmitting altogether.

Newsman and photographers saw Israeli tanks rumble into Abu Shaker neighborhood from Corniche Mazraa at 10 a.m. local time (0800 GMT) after a three-hour bombardment. There was no resistance when the tanks moved in. The fall of Abu Shaker eliminated the last serious resistance to Israeli occupation of West Beirut. Loudspeaker vans moving in with the tanks blared curfew orders in Arabic and called on all militiamen to lay down arms and place their weapons at the doorsteps of their offices or homes.

In Hamra, West Beirut's other major shopping thoroughfare that was taken after a battle near the Central Bank and the Lebanese Prime Ministry Thursday, Israeli loudspeaker trucks blared warnings to pedestrians and drivers to clear the streets Friday.

Israeli soldiers in combat gear took up positions half-way along the east-west Hamra district and all side walk cafes and restaurants in the avenue quickly closed down.

But a crowd of Lebanese standing in line to buy bread from one of the rare functioning bakeries in town, ignored the loudspeaker warnings and refused to leave even when the truck blared "the last warning." After 20 minutes, the loudspeaker resumed blaring the go-home appeals, but the line before the bakery still was long.

Lebanese police said at least 31 Lebanese civilians were killed and 122 wounded since Israel's military thrust into West Beirut was mounted Wednesday, a day after Lebanon's young President-elect Bashir Gemayel was assassinated in East Beirut. Nationalist militia communiques reported 12 militiamen were killed and 18 wounded in the Israeli onslaught.

At Aisha Bakkar Mosque and Islamic Center, an AFP correspondent saw a group of soldiers prevent Lebanese Muslims from entering, saying curtly: "There are no prayers today. The mosque is closed."

Troops were positioned at all main crossroads, closing off certain roads and rerouting traffic. Lebanese state radio said that the Beirut-Damascus Highway was closed and the coast road down to Sidon open only to military traffic.

Press reports Friday said bitter fighting Thursday caused extensive damage to official buildings, notably the British ambassador's residence, the Italian Embassy, a Lebanese army barracks and areas adjoining the information and tourism ministries. Shells fell on the prime minister's residence and on the home of former Premier Saeb Salam.

Meanwhile, Israel appeared to be taking a tougher line on Lebanon Friday, with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon talking about "eliminating" an estimated 2,000 Palestinian commandos still in Beirut. Sharon said after meeting U.S. special envoy Morris Draper in Tel Aviv that his troops would hold on to the key positions they have seized in two days of heavy fighting in West Beirut. "We believe that this will bring the elimination of the remaining Palestinians still operating in West Beirut," he told reporters.

"Our units will not leave until the Palestinians surrender their weapons and leave the city in accordance with the agreement," Sharon said.

U.N. must act, Lebanon urges

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — Lebanon has demanded the quick withdrawal of Israeli troops from Beirut and rejected Israel's suggestions that its forces were needed there to ensure stability.

Lebanese Ambassador Ghasan Tuani, at a Security Council session summoned by his government, appealed Thursday night for the council to call on Israel to pull its troops out of Beirut immediately. The ambassador charged that Israel had ignored every international law by invading the city and taking over government buildings. Referring to Israeli suggestions that its forces were needed to maintain order in Beirut following the assassination of President-elect Bashir Gemayel, he asked: "By what right can Israel pretend to allot itself the 'mission' of maintaining law and order in the capital of my country?"

Jordan later circulated a proposed resolution condemning Israel's drive into West Beirut and demanding an immediate pull-back. It also condemned Tuesday's murder of Gemayel.

Diplomat's body to be flown home

MADRID, Sept. 17 (R) — The body of the Kuwaiti diplomat shot dead here Thursday will be flown back to Kuwait late Friday, a Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

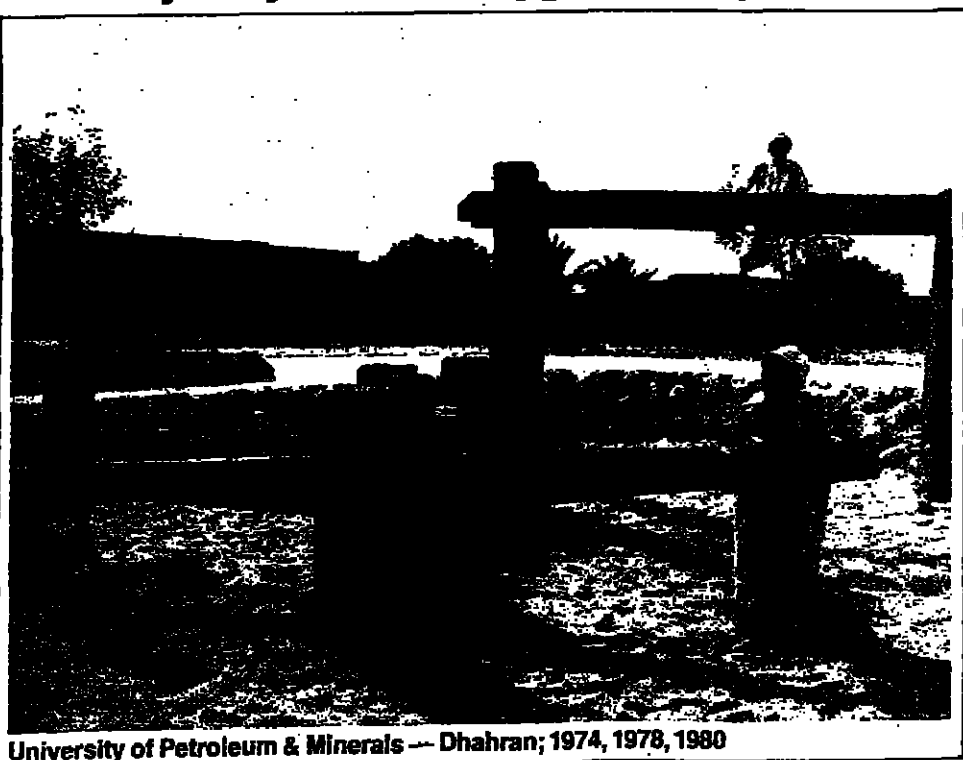
Najee Sayed Hashem Al-Rafai was killed by a lone gunman as he was entering a limousine parked outside the Kuwaiti Embassy in central Madrid. In the shooting in the Spanish capital, the diplomat's chauffeur was wounded and Madrid police said they had arrested a suspect a few minutes after the attack. A hospital source said the driver was in a serious condition and had undergone surgery.

Eyewitnesses said the shots were fired as several people were entering the embassy car and two or three gunmen were involved. A Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said the diplomat had been in Madrid for almost two years.

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In Israeli diplomatic car Paris blast injures 47

PARIS, Sept. 17 (AP) — A bomb exploded in a car with Israeli diplomatic license plates Friday a few blocks from the Arch of Triumph on the eve of a Jewish holiday, injuring four persons seriously and 43 others slightly, fire department officials said.

Fire Capt. Claude Peltier said the bomb went off when the driver started the car, which was parked around the corner from the office of the Israeli Embassy's military purchasing annex.

"The charge was not strong because the car did not disintegrate," Peltier said. Three of the seriously injured were the occupants of the car and the fourth apparently a passer-by. Their identities were not immediately known.

The others injured were high school students from the Lycee Carnot who were hit by flying glass, Peltier said. The Lycee is located across Rue Cardinet from the scene of the explosion in the 17th district. The purchasing annex is 200 meters away.

A junior at the Lycee, Jacques Berger, said, "we were in class when we heard a big boom. We were seated at our desks and we jumped up. We thought at first that a bomb had exploded in the school (because) the windows were blown out. When we went

outside there was smoke coming from the trunk of the car. A fireman told me a woman who was in the right front passenger seat had her two feet shattered." The bomb went off at 3:25 p.m., 20 minutes before school was due to get out.

A source at the Israeli Embassy said an employee of the military purchasing office was the target of the attack. He was in the car with his aunt and uncle. The embassy said his name was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Witnesses said the car seemed to fly several feet off the ground when the bomb went off. They said the driver was able to get out before he collapsed on the sidewalk.

But the passenger in the front right seat and the rear were trapped inside and it took firemen half an hour to get them out. Police were looking for a Paris registered BMW seen near the scene before the explosion, police sources said. Most of the 43 persons who were slightly injured were taken inside the school for treatment.

The Rue Cardinet looked like a war zone. Windows in the Lycee were blown out. A student's motor scooter was a twisted wreck. Cars parked along the street had their windows shattered.

Japan economy at crossroads

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (R) — The Japanese exporting juggernaut is slowing and an economist said Friday the country is facing one of the gravest economic periods in its postwar history.

Exports have long been the key to Japan's economic miracle, but the government's economic planning agency reported Friday shipments overseas would improve only 5.4 percent in the financial year ending next March. This compares with a growth in exports of 13.4 percent in the last financial year.

"The Japanese economy is experiencing one of its gravest periods in post-war history, with growth significantly below historic rates," Eric Hayden, vice-president for economics at the Bank of America's Asia division here, told Reuters. His assessment came only a day after Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki announced that the country was facing a financial crisis due to increasing falls in revenue and huge budget deficits.

The planning agency, in a report pointing to the falloff in recession-hit overseas markets, said Japan could expect steel exports to

rise just 2.5 percent this year against 23.2 percent last year, and machinery exports to increase 6.3 percent against last year's 13.9 percent.

Japan's second biggest carmaker, Nissan, Friday announced that its exports in August at 83,600 vehicles were down seven percent from August last year and 35.8 percent less than what it shipped in July.

The increasing export weakness experienced by Japanese companies is making it difficult for them to improve profits and sales, the finance ministry said Friday in a report. Profits of major Japanese companies improved by only a 1.1 percent in April, May and June compared with the same months of last year, which contrasted with a 6.4 percent rise in January, February and March, it said.

The year-to-year sales improvement was 3.4 percent compared to 7.6 percent in the first three months of the year. However, one of Japan's major audio companies, Trio-Kenwood, Friday reported that it made a 4.87 billion yen (\$18.5 million) loss in its last financial year.

Tokyo to buy oil, coal from Peking

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — Japan has agreed to import more than 8 million tons of oil and more than 4.5 million tons of coal a year from Communist China for three years beginning in 1983, Japanese newspapers reported Friday in dispatches from Peking.

Quoting sources from a Japanese trade delegation in Peking, the economic newspaper *Nihon Keizai* said the agreement came after three-months of negotiations on long-term oil and coal imports from China.

The newspaper said the agreement, to be signed in Peking next Thursday, calls for Japan to import 8 million to 8.6 million tons of crude oil a year during the 1983-85 period. The agreement also calls for Japan to import 4.5 million tons of coal a year, *Nihon Keizai* said.

Meanwhile, *The Oil and Gas Journal* said in Tulsa, Oklahoma that world oil production in the first six months of 1982 fell to the lowest level since 1975. Output declined by 8.7 percent to an average 52.6 million barrels per day (BPD) and industry experts agreed there was little chance of a rise in the second half of the year, the journal said.

The report added that production by the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) averaged 18.56 million BPD during the period, a drop of 22.3 percent from a year ago. Canadian production was 10.3 percent lower at 1.18 million BPD, while the United States moved in the reverse direction with a one percent increase to 8.65 million BPD, the report said.

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Yamani lauds MWL role

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — Tribute was paid to the role played by the Muslim World League (MWL) in Islamic propagation and consolidating cooperation among Muslims throughout the world Friday by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

In a statement marking the end of a week-long session held by the league's constituent council in Makkah, the minister said the Kingdom appreciated the MWL role in confronting anti-Islam movements and looking after Muslim affairs and minorities in various parts of the world.

He noted that Saudi Arabia, headed by

King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, had been extending support to the league to enable it to maintain its efforts in the service of Islam and Islamic teachings.

MWL symposium today

MAKKAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — A three-day International Islamic Symposium organized by the Muslim World League (MWL) will be inaugurated here Saturday by Prince Saud bin Abdul Muhsin, deputy governor of Makkah. A number of Muslim thinkers and scientists will take part in the symposium, which will discuss "Islam in Africa."

with about 10,000 students 35 years ago.

The present number of students represents an increase of 98,000 over last year's figure, while the number of teachers has also increased by over 7,700 compared with that of last year, the publication said.

The government allocated nine percent of the state budget for education, or SR21 billion, in the last fiscal year. The ministry's share of this figure stood at 45 percent, girls' education 19.4 percent and higher education 35.4 percent.

Report outlines education advances

RIYADH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — More than 1.5 million Saudi Arabian, Arab and Muslim students are attending classes at about 11,000 educational institutions throughout the Kingdom. Education Minister Dr. Abdul-Aziz Al-Khuwaiter said Friday.

In an introduction to the annual volume on education published by the ministry Dr. Khuwaiter said the number of institutions represented an increase of 300 establishments over last year's figure.

According to the publication, there were not more than 65 schools in the Kingdom

Pilgrimage costs triple for Ugandans

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 17 (AP) — The number of Ugandan Muslims making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah is expected to drop this season because of a problem with the Ugandan government over the changing of money.

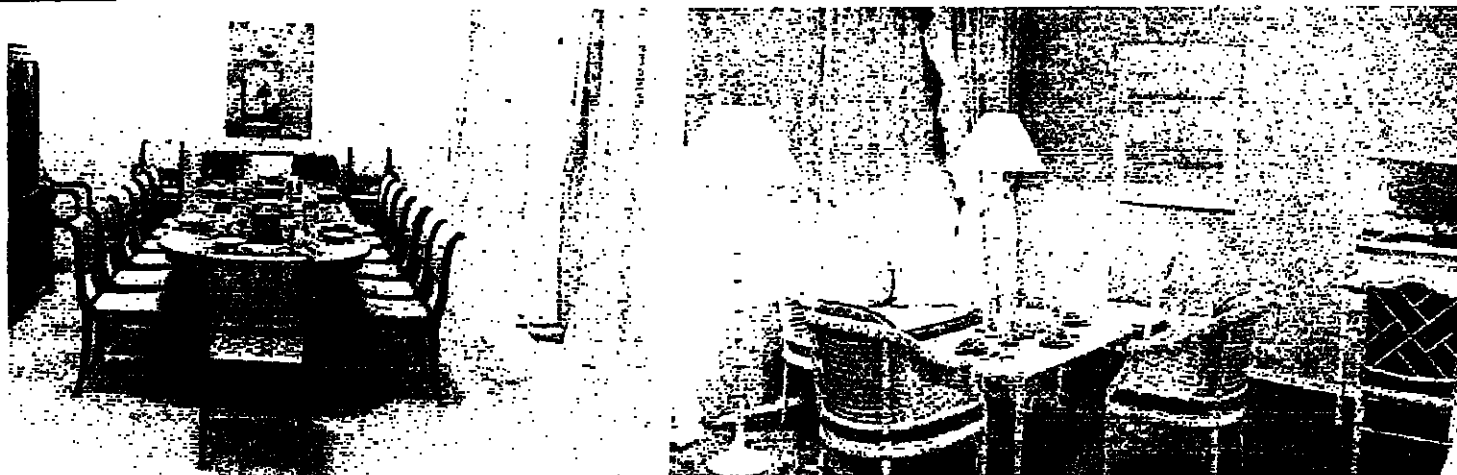
Uganda radio reported Friday that Ugandan pilgrims would have to change their Ugandan shillings into foreign currencies at a premium rate set for foreign travel instead of at the standard official rate. This means the pilgrims will have to pay about three times as much in terms of local currency for their trips.

Since the end of August, Uganda's Central

Bank has used a two-tiered system for exchanging shilling into foreign currencies.

Ugandans intending to travel abroad or import items considered non-essential have to pay for the currency at a rate of 300 shillings to the U.S. dollar. The normal rate of 100 shillings to the dollar is still used for importing basic commodities.

The Uganda radio broadcast, monitored here, said the country's Muslim leaders had appealed to the government of President Milton Obote to let Ugandan pilgrims pay for their travel tickets at the lower rate. But the appeal was turned down.



FURNITURE DISPLAY: The Scandinavian Design Center opened Thursday in Jeddah under the sponsorship of Jedco Corporation. Shown here on the left is a complete dining room set and at the right furniture for a child's bedroom.

New center displays Scandinavian products

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 — The Scandinavian Design Center, representing 18 leading Scandinavian manufacturers of furniture, textiles, glass wares, lighting fixtures, carpets, wall coverings, installation services, decorations and other interior products, opened here Thursday under the sponsorship of Jedco Corporation.

This unique center, situated at the Al Rawda Shopping Center on Crown Prince Abdullah Street in the Northern part of the city, operate as a coordinator of products and

services in the field of private and public interior decoration.

"We are the only center in the city where customers can choose the best of every item according to his personal taste and we can also supply material from the manufacturers not in the group," said the Center's General Manager Hans Widahl.

The center has a library, where a customer can select the best material, color, and design from numerous catalogues and also samples for curtains, carpets and wall coverings. Each area in the showroom is designed and color coordinated as a unit such as dining rooms,

saloon, master bedroom, kitchen.

"The entirety is more than its parts", is the fundamental SDC principle. It has resources to create interior designs reflecting the owner's personality, the cultural atmosphere of the region and the aim and direction of the activity, said Widahl.

He told Arab News "we are working with a Swedish Art gallery called 'Furus' for paintings and etchings, not so common here." Besides, most of the furniture is made of mahogany.

Some of the members of the group with their general manufacturing activities are as follows: Askjo Project, Finland — furniture for home and public areas; Bejra Mobler — home furniture; Bogesunds Vaveri — furniture fabrics; Ehrlin Mobel-exclusive home furniture; Grafikhuset Futura-marketing of fine arts, adorning; Industri IRE — furniture for home and public areas; AB Kinnasand curtain material and textile tapestry; Mitab Mobelprodukt-furnitures for home and public areas.

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Fajr (Dawn)	4:43	4:44	4:15	3:41	4:26	4:55
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:15	12:16	11:47	11:34	11:58	12:28
Asr (Afternoon)	3:40	3:43	3:14	3:02	3:26	3:57
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:22	6:24	5:55	5:42	6:07	6:37
Isha (Night)	7:52	7:54	7:25	7:12	7:37	8:07

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University signs agreements
MANAMA, (SPA) — The Arab Gulf University has signed three agreements with specialized companies to build its main offices at a total cost of 120 million Bahraini dinars. Dr. Ali Muhammad Fakhr, the chairman of the university's constituent assembly, and representatives of the companies signed the agreements. The accords provide for the construction of the university's administrative building, a library, a mosque and a conference hall.

Society receives SR2.9m
BAHA, (SPA) — The Baha Welfare Society has received SR2.9 million in donations. King Fahd gave SR1.5 million, Prince Sultan SR300,000, another SR300,000 from an anonymous donor, and SR150,000 from Abdul Aziz and Abdullah Al-Jomah. Other donations ranged from SR100,000 to SR300.

Institute schedules courses
DAMMAM, (SPA) — Seven to 15 week courses provided by Damman's Public Administration Institute, as a first term, will start as of Oct. 3. Students will be trained on personnel affairs, accounting, purchases, archives, administrative contacts, secretarial work and Arabic typing. Ahmad Al-Mansour, the institute's director, said that 170 trainees from various government departments and establishments in the Eastern Province had so far been admitted.

Telephone expansion
DHAHRAN, (SPA) — Saudi Telephone in the Eastern Province will now accept all requests for telephones by applicants whose houses have a connection box. Applications will be responded to favorably in New Dhahran District and the areas close to Dhahran's automatic exchange. The move is part of the telephone expansion program in the province's cities and villages.

مكتبة النخيل

Cleaning holy places nets firms SR40 million

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — Several contracts, worth about SR40 million, have been awarded to national companies for cleaning the holy places and Makkah during the pilgrimage period. Acting Makkah Mayor Abdullah bin Sideeq said Thursday that the cleaning includes slaughterhouses. Tens of thousands of animals are sacrificed during the pilgrimage.

Services in Makkah inspected

MAKKAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, the minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, Thursday inspected his ministry's installations in Makkah and the holy places to make sure that pilgrims enjoy adequate mail, telephone and cable services.

The minister inspected, among other places, the telephone complex at Al-Tan'eem district, central 4 off Al-Mansour Street, the subscribers office at Al-Ghazzah, Al-Moalla central post office, the PIT center at Mina and telephone camps at Mina, Muzdalifah and Arafat. He was accompanied by Foad Abu Mansour, the assistant undersecretary for operation and maintenance; Saudi Telephone Western Province Director Wahid Kayyal; Director General of Saudi Telephone's Makkah zone Samir Dahlan; Makkah Post Director Abdul Rahman Momina and other officials.

Dr. Kayyal said he was satisfied with the deployment of telephone and post facilities in the pilgrimage areas. Another matter of pride for him, he said, is that Saudi Arabian youth have made giant and rapid strides in the field of telephones. He said that there were 417 telephone booths in Makkah and the holy places, besides long distance call offices. He added that telephone services now covers 300 Saudi cities and villages. The present 750,000 telephone lines in Saudi Arabia will be raised to 1.2 million during the current five-year-plan to cover 350 cities and villages.

Any person can now use the direct telephone dialing system with 110 countries; and there is a plan to turn the telephone, post and telex services into an independent government department with a separate budget, the minister said.

On the Arabsat project, Dr. Kayyal said that the study had been completed and 75 percent of the works commissioned to French firms. The overall cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$200 million. The four countries participating in the project are Saudi Arabia, France, Indonesia and Malaysia. He added that there was cooperation among OPEC member states in regulating the frequencies, exchanging data and training.

Jeddah looks into pilgrim city proposal

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — A special committee met here Thursday to consider the possibility of setting up a new pilgrim city big enough to accommodate 50,000 Hajjis and a grand hospital. The meeting was presided over by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi. The recommendations will be submitted to Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister and controller general.

ATO discussion centers around cities problems

KUWAIT, Sept. 17 (SPA) — A symposium will be held in Makkah in December by the Arab Towns Organization (ATO) to discuss the problems of cities in the Third World. The symposium will be organized in cooperation with Ummul Qura University of Makkah.

The decision to hold the seminar was taken Wednesday by ATO's secretariat general during a meeting concluded here. The 19th ordinary session of the organization's permanent bureau will be held in Muscat, Oman, in January while ATO's seventh conference has been scheduled for Algiers in April of 1983, the meeting resolved.

The Arab Institute for Urban Development, based in Kuwait, will provide the scientific preparation for the symposium to be held in Makkah as well as other seminars and training courses planned by ATO.

National Guard gives basic pilgrim services

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — The National Guard is actively engaged in serving pilgrims by providing basic services, guidance and traffic regulation in the holy places and border areas, National Guard Undersecretary in the Western Region Prince Khaled bin Abdullah said Thursday.

Riyadh Bank building new computer complex

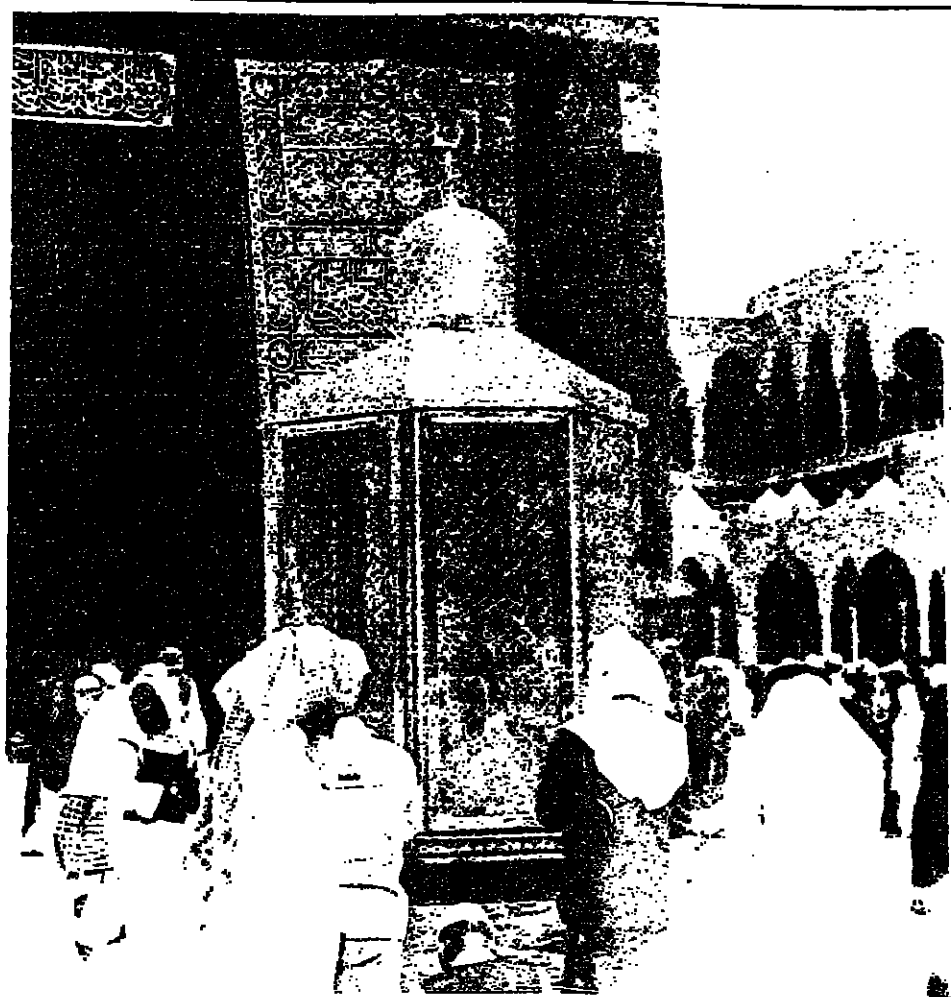
LONDON, Sept. 17 (LPS) — The Bank of Riyadh is to have a new computer complex. The contract, which is to be carried out by Denco Air in a turnkey project, is valued at \$345,000. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Local labor will be used during construction, overseen by specialist teams from England and resident engineers from the company's office in Riyadh.

Sideeq said that a group of municipal officials have been appointed to supervise the cleaning and operation of slaughterhouses in Mina, live stock, and permanent and mobile public toilets. He said that environmental protection in the holy places, including aerial and ground spraying, will be commissioned to a number of national companies.

Other firms will be entrusted with the task of inspecting markets, controlling prices and ensuring the availability of ice, bread and other commodities, he said. Companies also will be commissioned to inspect illumination in Makkah and the holy places and check overflow sewage water, Sideeq said.

The holy places have been divided into 10 sections for cleaning purposes, the acting mayor said. Of these, eight sections are in Mina, one in Arafat and one in Muzdalifah. Two slaughterhouses, previously located in the northern part of Mina, have been moved to Mussem area and combined into one large and modern slaughterhouse with a capacity of 100,000 head of sheep. The slaughterhouse has been provided with modern equipment and a covered yard for the sheep.

Four water tanks have been constructed at total cost of SR202 million. The tanks, with a combined capacity of 210,000 cubic meters are located in Mina, Muzdalifah, Arafat and Mussem. Two other tanks, with an overall capacity of 1.6 million cubic meters and cost of SR200 million, have been built at Mussem area.



MAQAM IBRAHIM : A scene inside the holy haram in Makkah showing the Kaaba, and Maqam Ibrahim in the foreground next to it.

External routes to Taif suggested in order to avoid Makkah traffic

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 (SPA) — Motorists wishing to drive their cars from Makkah to Taif are requested to use the external road starting from Al-Shumaisi bridge point, known as the road for non-Muslims, to avoid the pilgrim congestion in Makkah and the holy places, the Pilgrimage Security Forces Command announced Thursday.

A command spokesman, Brig. Muhammad ibn Raja'e Al-Harbi, the assistant commander for traffic urged everyone to cooperate with the authorities. He added that many demands had been received for permission to drive private cars from the Makkah/Arafat Road to Taif. He pointed out that the pilgrim security plan provided for retaining light cars outside Makkah and the holy places and banning them from using this path, to avoid traffic jams and secure pilgrim safety and comfort.

Saudia facilitating pilgrim transport

JEDDAH, Sept. 17 — Saudia is exerting intense efforts to facilitate the transportation of pilgrims between cities in the Kingdom and from other Islamic countries. The airline has opened a new ticket sales office in the Pilgrims' City for travel to Madinah.

Saudi management has printed a booklet

containing the Saudi Arabian Interior Ministry's pilgrimage regulations and guidance by the Ministry of Health and Presidency of Civil Aviation. The booklet is being distributed to pilgrims at all Saudia offices, inside and outside the Kingdom.

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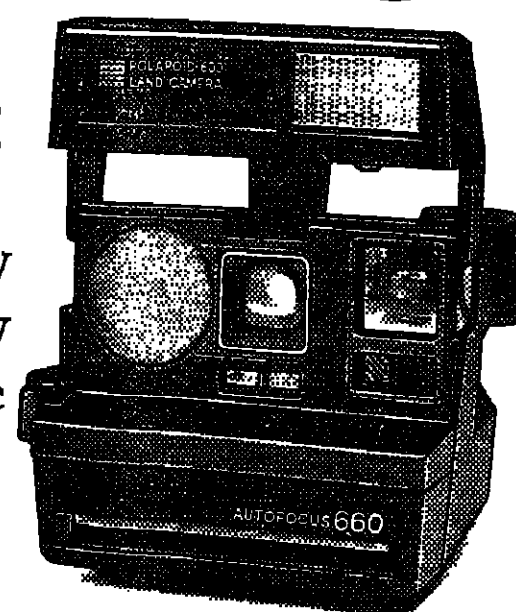
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Cutting short triumphant visit to Italy

Arafat in Tunis to weigh Israeli push into Beirut

ROME, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat cut short a triumphant visit to Italy Thursday night and flew to Tunis to confer with PLO officials on Israel's push into West Beirut. PLO officials said. He was due in Damascus later Friday.

Arafat said Italy, France and the United States were considering his request for the return of the three-nation force which supervised the PLO withdrawal from Beirut. It had been due to stay until Sept. 26 under the terms of the evacuation agreement, he said.

By this date, it was intended that Israeli troops would have withdrawn from Lebanon and the new president installed. Both the prior withdrawal of the three-nation force and Israel's subsequent move into West Beirut clearly breached the agreement, Palestinian officials said. Asked if a return of the multinational force was likely, a senior PLO official said he was pessimistic.

Before leaving, Arafat told a news conference he had made the request formally at

Egypt prosecutor says extremists planned violence

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (AP) — Religious extremists financed from abroad planned a wave of terror including a hijacking to free those held in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat and seize power, the government claims.

Ragaa El-Arabi, prosecutor for state security, announced Thursday that an undisclosed number of members of the outlawed Jihad group had been seized in the investigation. Jihad means holy war in Arabic. "The state security prosecutor is continuing questioning of the accused and authorities are arresting those whom investigations prove were connected with the plot," the government's Middle East News Agency said.

One-thousand members of the Jihad group were among the thousands detained following the Oct. 6 assassination of Sadat by religious extremists during a military parade in Cairo. The reputed leader of Jihad, Abdul Salam Farrag Atteya, was convicted of supplying weapons to Sadat's assassins and was hanged March 15.

Egyptian officials gave no details on how many people had been taken into custody in the latest alleged conspiracy nor when the arrests took place.

Last April the newspaper *Al-Ahram*, which has close ties with the government, reported probes against 140 people suspected of planning to overthrow the government and establish an Islamic state. It was unclear whether the alleged plot announced Thursday was same conspiracy: the paper reported in April.

Prosecutor El-Arabi said the alleged plotters planned to storm prisons where Jihad members are held and free them. As a backup plan, they plotted "acts of sabotage and other terrorist activities" throughout Egypt before seizing power, the prosecutor said. The extremists also were prepared to hijack a commercial airliner to force the release of their comrades, he claimed.

Egyptian newspapers quoted El-Arabi as saying police uncovered a large number of weapons, subversive literature and money in several raids.

Dost in Moscow to deliberate on Afghan crisis

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (R) — Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost arrived in Moscow Thursday for talks expected to center on a U.N.-sponsored plan for solving the Afghan problem. The official Soviet news agency Tass said that Dost, who will head the Afghan delegation at this month's meeting of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, was in Moscow on a brief working visit.

Tass gave no further details. But Western diplomats said Dost was likely to discuss an initiative by U.N. special envoy Iqbal Quadir aimed at ending the armed conflict between Afghan freedom fighters and Soviet-backed troops in Afghanistan.

Cordovez accompanied U.N. General Secretary Javier Perez de Cuellar on a visit to Moscow last week for talks with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Earlier this month, a high-level delegation from Pakistan was in Moscow for talks with Soviet officials, which Pakistani sources said included an exchange of views on ways to settle the Afghan issue.

Huge fire threatens UAE industrial area

MANAMA, Sept. 17 (AP) — A huge fire threatened "real disaster" Friday in the industrial area of Al Ain in the United Arab Emirates, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency reported. The agency said the fire, whose cause could not be immediately determined, occurred in an area teeming with warehouses that contain flammable material. The blaze was spread by wind, destroying at least 25 stores and labor compounds. Preliminary estimates put the damage at one million dirhams (\$275,000).

Army firefighting units and helicopters joined in efforts to bring the fire under control, the report said. It added that forensic experts were still trying to determine the cause of the fire, described as the worst in the country in 12 years.

It was the latest in a series of recent mysterious mishaps in the UAE which included fires in an offshore oil rig and in a "union explosives" warehouse last month. Al-Ain lies in the border area with Oman and Saudi Arabia.

talks with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo Thursday. He said a meeting of Palestinian leaders would be held shortly and would discuss the possibility of forming a government in exile.

Arafat called the Israeli push "a challenge by (Israeli Prime Minister Menahem) Begin against the United States, France and Italy... a situation against the honor of the three armies." The PLO chairman's visit here was hailed by PLO officials as a propaganda victory. It included talks with Pope John Paul, President Sandro Pertini and Italian politicians.

Meanwhile, the Italian Foreign Ministry said in a press release that Colombo met with the U.S. ambassador to Italy, Maxwell Rabb, at the U.S. Embassy and that Colombo telephoned U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. The release did not give details of the talks but said they "were in relation to the developments in Lebanon and the contact (Colombo) had with Arafat" Wednesday.

Arafat said Colombo promised to examine "with all interested parties" the question of sending the multinational force back to Beirut.

Thrust harms U.S. image, Hussein says

AMMAN, Sept. 17 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan has said that Israel's thrust into West Beirut was "a flagrant attempt to exploit the assassination of Lebanon's President-elect Bashir Gemayel to strike a blow against Lebanese national unity." Addressing a cabinet meeting Thursday, the king also said, "By occupying an Arab capital, Israel has disregarded all international norms and laws."

According to the official Jordanian news agency Petra, the Jordanian monarch hoped the United States would do its utmost to stop the Israeli aggression.

"The Israeli attacks harms the American image in the Arab world... especially as it came after the U.S. administration embarked on a new road to bring peace to the area," he said. The king's statement was the first official Jordanian reaction to the Israeli attack on West Beirut following the killing of Gemayel on Tuesday night.

Informed sources said King Hussein later had talks with British Minister of State Douglas Hurd, who arrived Wednesday night from the United Arab Emirates.



INVADERS IN BEIRUT: An Israeli tank sits on the beachhead at Ramalet Al Bayda Wednesday morning following the advance of the Israeli forces into the area earlier in the day in the wake of the assassination of President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

U.S. aid team may delay Beirut trip

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP) — The renewal of fighting in Beirut and eastern Lebanon may delay the scheduled trip of a U.S. team that is to go there next month to assess how much military aid the ravaged country might need, a Defense Department official has said.

The U.S. aid team is scheduled to leave Oct. 1 for Lebanon but "we will just have to wait and see" whether it goes, said Henry Catto Jr., the U.S. Defense Department's

chief spokesman.

"We assume that it is going on as scheduled, but we just don't know," Catto said.

President Ronald Reagan's administration has been eager to provide an increase in U.S. aid to Lebanon to try and help the nation rebuild into a solid, independent state. U.S. officials have said the assassination of President-elect Bashir Gemayel may hamper that effort.

Israelis split over Reagan plan

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17 (AP) — Fifty-four percent of Israelis reject President Reagan's Mideast peace proposals, but 44 percent believe it has merit, says an opinion poll published Friday.

The sampling of 1,186 people by the Dahaf polling company for the daily *Yedioth Akhronoth* found that 35 percent believed the Reagan plan could serve as a "basis for negotiation," and nine percent said Israel should endorse it fully. Two percent had no opinion.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin has firmly rejected the proposals, saying they would deprive Israel of control of the occupied West Bank and Arab Jerusalem, and would turn these areas into a PLO-led Palestinian state.

Reagan has called for linking the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Jordan and giving the Palestinians a greater say in their own affairs, but without giving them statehood.

The poll also found that if elections were held now, Begin would win a 60-40 majority in the 120-member parliament over the Labor Party, which supports the Reagan plan. Labor presently outnumbers Begin's Likud bloc 50-46.

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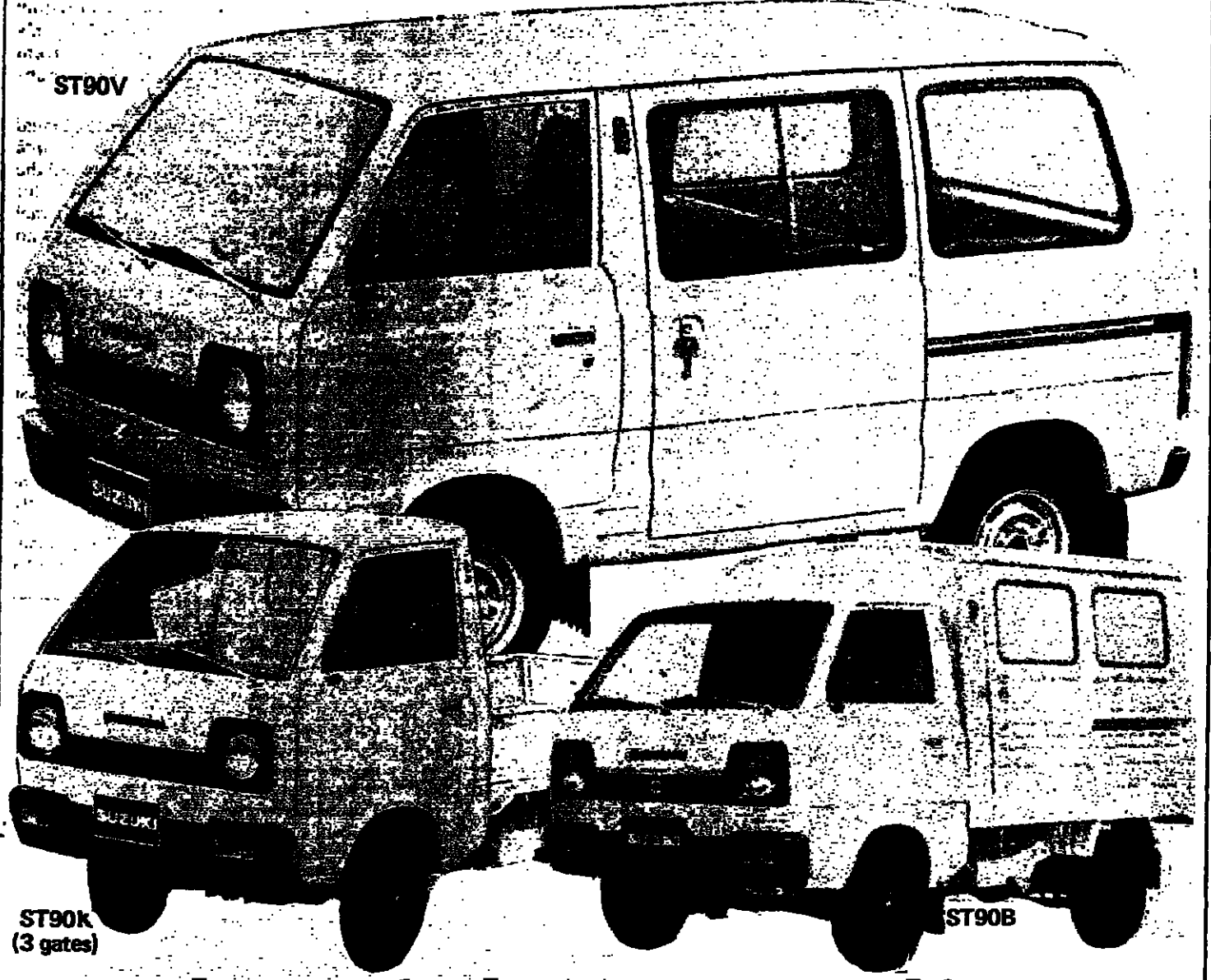
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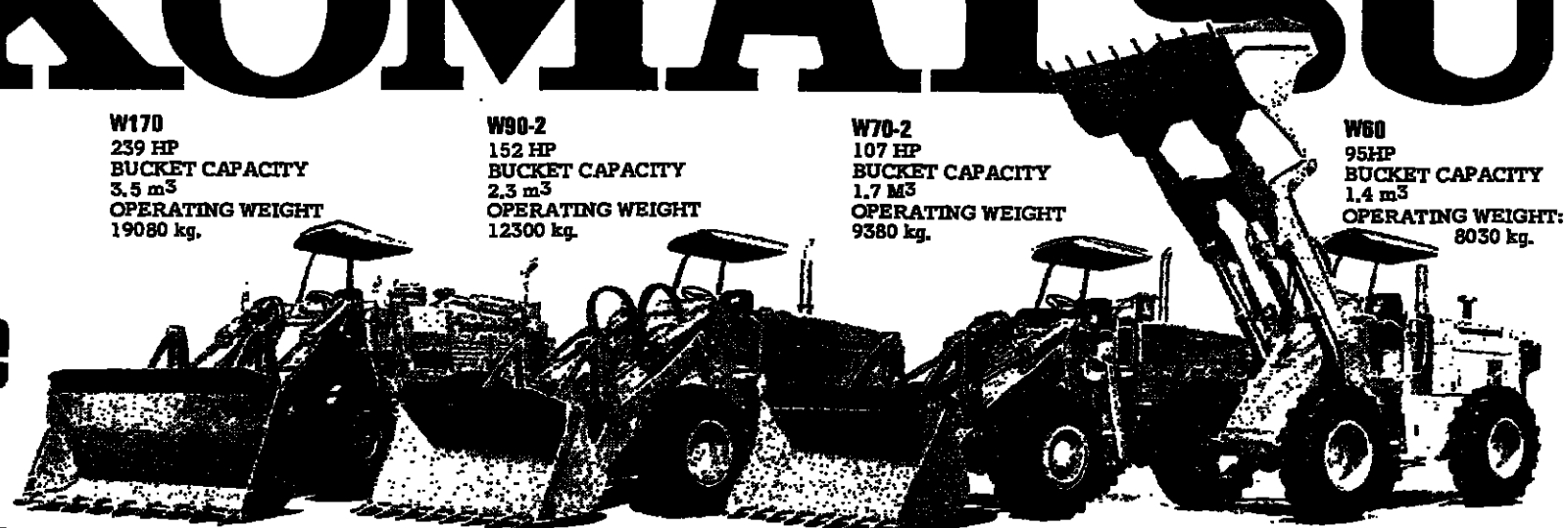
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BEGIN VS REAGAN

Israel has shown that it can stand up to the U.S. and challenge it to try changing or influencing its actions and decisions. It is going it alone anywhere in the region against the better judgment of its principal benefactor with the result that even a seemingly strong leader like Reagan shows singular incapacity to deal with the Israeli government.

Using U.S. military and financial resources, Israel has now completed the conquest of the first Arab capital to fall to its forces after a remorseless campaign of destruction and mass murder. And it would be naive to expect it to withdraw from the capital and the rest of Lebanon whatever the pressures that the U.S. might choose to bring to bear on it. That is, if the U.S. government can unleash its full wrath against the Jewish state. Sadly, the whole political setup in Washington will not allow the U.S. to bring Begin or anyone else in Tel Aviv to book.

The latest Israeli defiance of the U.S. amounts to a calculated insult meant to cut Reagan to size and show him who is in charge in Israel and the surrounding areas now that the Arab states concerned are too weak or unwilling to pick the Israeli glove and fight.

This is very serious because Reagan, representing the U.S. government and people, had given his word to all the parties concerned in the Lebanese conflict and the other Arab governments involved that a certain situation in Lebanon will be evolved in order to bring peace to the suffering people of the country. On this basis, the Palestinian commandos agreed to leave and go on their latest mission of homelessness to save Beirut and Lebanon further misery.

Now, Israel is telling the U.S. and Reagan in particular that his word and warranty were not worth the exercise and he can do what he likes and let's see who can carry the day.

With the Arabs almost too paralyzed to challenge this Israeli theory and practice of diplomacy by war, it remains to be seen what the United States and Reagan will do to show that the old eagle's talons can still do more than just scratch his back.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers warned of the serious situation in Lebanon and called on the big powers, especially the U.S. to help in putting an end to the Lebanese people's sufferings and achieving peace in the Middle East.

Okaz, commenting on the situation in Lebanon, said the country "is entering a serious phase which will aggravate the crisis resulting from the Zionist invasion."

"This is because the assassination of (Lebanese President-elect) Bashir Gemayel has created a new political crisis that may assume the form of violence and a confessional strife," it added. It called on the Lebanese people to be "cautious at this crucial phase to deprive Israel of any opportunity to implement its expansionist designs at Lebanon's expense."

Okaz said the Israelis were planning a long military presence in Lebanon, benefiting from the latest developments in the country. "Furthermore, the Israelis have expressed their intentions to go ahead with the plan of partitioning Lebanon and rejecting peace initiatives in the region," it added.

The paper stressed the need for the Lebanese people to unite in confronting the Israeli invasion

and called on the international community headed by the United States to "assume a full role in preserving Lebanon's security and stability and putting an end to Israeli occupation."

Al-Madina said Israel's occupation of West Beirut violated agreements reached through special U.S. envoy Philip Habib, adding that the Israeli military operation had been condemned worldwide "except by America."

The paper called on the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to "change its attitude toward the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and help relieve the sufferings of the peaceful Lebanese people."

It warned "those encouraging Israel in its aggressive operations and remaining silent over its atrocious stand will only cause them harm and discredit their international reputation."

The paper urged the "influential powers" to join in helping achieve peace in the Middle East, and warned that Israel's persistence in expanding its occupation of Lebanon "will not serve peace, neither in Lebanon nor in the Arab world" (SPA)



Despite failure, faith in monetarism lives on

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Two years ago J.K. Galbraith suggested that politically stable Britain was the ideal laboratory for trying out monetarism. Today the experiment has failed. In this article, Galbraith explains how the faith lives on in the face of all the evidence against it.)

By J. K. Galbraith

Few things have proved so fruitless as the effort to argue that monetarism in the modern economy will not work. With others, I have kept on trying, but with sadly diminished hopes of success.

Not that the case against it is complex. Monetary policy works against inflation by restricting the spending and re-spending of the money generated by bank borrowing. And the high interest rates that make the policy effective squelch other investment expenditure. The resulting curtailment in expenditure — in market demand — is then expected to restrain wages and prices and arrest inflation.

If pressed hard enough, the policy will have an effect on inflation. But in the highly organized economy of our time this is only after it first creates a large amount of idle plant capacity, a high level of unemployment. Only then do companies forgo price increases and unions relent on wage demands. To put the matter differently, under modern conditions monetary policy involves a particularly brutal form of prices and wages policy, no less brutal because it operates indirectly rather than directly on prices and wages and the interaction between the two.

Additionally, the high interest rates that suppress bank borrowing and investment have an especially adverse effect on new capital investment and thus, potentially, on general industrial effectiveness. Better, if demand must be cut back, to make the cut in consumption. All of this is plausible, but it has never been persuasive.

It has failed of being persuasive in part because the monetarists had in Professor Milton Friedman an extraordinarily effective advocate. He and his disciples allowed themselves no doubt as to the smooth workability of their design. Any pain would be brief and slight.

In an uncertain subject matter such as economics or psychiatry, there is something wonderfully compelling about those who are sure. Also, much discussion of money has a necromantic aspect; mystery is presumed to be involved. A special reputation then accrues to those who, affirming the mystery, presume to penetrate it. They are in touch with the occult; others should trust them. John Law, William Paterson and the gentlemen of 19th century England who spoke so confidently of the consequences of a change in the bank rate all exploited this advantage. So do the modern monetarists.

Professor Friedman has himself said that, as we may not quite understand how birds fly, so we do not wholly understand how a stable money supply regulates prices. "We must accept the mystery even if we cannot resolve it."

Further, the monetarist design for economic management is marvelously consonant with the modern conservative faith. The monetarists, without exception, have a deep commitment to the market. For them it still exists in its pristine competitive form — that, more than incidentally, is why monetary restriction is expected to work so smoothly, painlessly and well. The market provides a better solution to social problems than any publicly sponsored supplement or modification.

Monetary policy takes the action away from the government bureaucracy and leaves it to the market and the central bank.

Finally, it is a prime tenet of one branch of modern conservatism that, because of over-taxation, the rich are not working as they should and the poor, because of a too-indulgent state, are not working as they should. The rich need more income as an incentive and the poor need less income as an incentive. With this line of thought the monetarists are also broadly in harmony. Friedman has been a leading and effective voice for tax limitation with a primary impact on the affluent, and for expenditure, reductions with their primary impact on the poor.

Monetarism having such powerful sources of support, abstract argument as to its unworkability and social cost remained ineffective. What was needed was an actual trial. This I had come to accept, although not quite to welcome. And now for more than two years in the United States — the policy really began in a more modest way under President Carter — and for much longer in Britain we have had the trial. Not even the monetarists could ask for a better run, although, as I shall observe in a moment, they do. The results are there for all to see.

And they accord with prediction. Unemployment is high — in the United States one in 10 is without work, not counting those who have given up looking for jobs. It is, of course, very high in Britain. Utilization of manufacturing plant capacity in the United States is down by between a quarter and one-third. The housing industry is in a state of collapse. The rate of business failure is the highest in 50 years. Large enterprises in the United States as also in Britain are in deeply unnatural trouble. The big American banks have an impressive number of what are graciously called "non-performing" loans. Savings institutions across the country are being consolidated to stave off insolvency. In the second quarter of this year earnings of American companies registered a record plunge.

This hardship has had an effect on inflation. But even in the United States earlier this summer inflation was still at what my fellow-economists call double-digit levels. That is to say, it was still very high. We have had the test; these are the results; now we know.

Yet here comes the surprise: It is not at all clear that we do know. In the United States and also, one judges, in the United Kingdom, there are a very large number of people who resist the evidence, and that includes many of those who are suffering most. Numerous American businessmen have still heard to say in excessively reverent tones: "Let us give it a little more time: I am betting that sooner or later it will work."

The monetarists, in face of all the evidence, have indeed a great deal still going for them. There is, first of all, the hope-springs-eternal syndrome just mentioned. Wait a little, have patience and all will work out. There is light at the end of the tunnel even though, as an American congressman said recently, it could be an oncoming train.

There is also what I have elsewhere called the archaeological escape. The monetarists had a very bad inheritance; wrong-headed policies in the United States go back at least to Lyndon Johnson and perhaps even to Franklin Roosevelt. They didn't, in their innocent way, realize how bad things were until they took charge. Thus the need for

further patience and more time. President Reagan and his speech-writers have become wonderfully accomplished in the rhetoric of patience and the archaeological escape. No public appearance is complete without it.

Then there is the mortification-of-the-flesh convention. Suffering must have a purpose; out of much suffering there must come much good. No one is quite sure how this works in economics; one only knows that the bad times are somehow the price of the good. Pain and punishment are considered especially salutary for other people.

Next, it is held, and notably by Friedman himself, that neither in Britain nor in the United States has monetarism yet had a fair trial. In both countries the policy has been in the hands of deeply incompetent central banks — both the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve system have shown that they are not intellectually or administratively up to the job of controlling the supply of money, however that is defined. In consequence of the fecklessness of the central banks, random and otherwise indefensible fluctuations in the money supply continue to occur. That a policy should be within the competence of the available central bankers and that the money supply as arbitrarily defined may not be subject to such refined control are not mentioned.

But, most of all, those of us who thought that the test would be definitive must now confess error. We assumed self-interest on the part of the business community. As ever, we had that lurking faith in economic determinism. The desolation and the devastation that would follow any single-minded reliance on monetarism would be persuasive. Let businessmen, bankers and farmers see what monetarism would do to them, and they would come round.

This expectation grievously underestimated their ideological commitment and political loyalty. A good man will go bankrupt with the people he loves. Better that than prosperity with the policies of people of whom he disapproves. It never occurred to us that the modern businessman would suffer deeply for his faith. But we now see that he will.

Farmers in the United States are businessmen on a considerable scale. Early in August President Reagan went out to Iowa to reinforce the agrarians in their ancient Republican faith. The *New York Times* interviewed one Larry Johnson, a multi-million-dollar operator who farms 700 acres in nearby Minnesota. After variously criticizing Reagan for inaction and wrong action, Johnson said: "I voted for him before, I guess I'll keep on voting for him till I go broke." That is the kind of will to sacrifice, running deeply into the business community, for which, to our shame, we were unprepared.

In the United States at least, political calculation combined with residual self-interest has forced some relaxation of the monetarist restraints. The Federal Reserve has lowered its lending rate and allowed additions to bank reserves; and the stock market responded strongly.

If the easing continues, production could expand and unemployment fall. And in the absence of other action — the greatest needs are a rational view of military spending and a firm prices and incomes policy — inflation will resume, quite possibly at an even greater rate. But the monetarists will not be perturbed. They will be able to say — and assuredly they will say — that their policy was abandoned just when it was on the edge of a brilliant success. (ONS)

Chile's Pinochet faces growing unrest

By Tom Fenton

SANTIAGO, Chile — President Augusto Pinochet marked the beginning of his 10th year in power last weekend with the nation plagued by sporadic terrorism and a crippling depression that is spawning growing unrest. The 66-year-old army general has endured by liberal use of his broad powers to crush dissent. His term of office expires in 1989. He has not ruled out the possibility he might try to continue in power.

"Be assured the government is going to continue its course. I have the backing not only of the army and the armed forces but also the citizenry," Pinochet said this past week.

Nine years to the day after Hawker-Hunter fighter bombers rocketed the Moneda Palace during the coup that brought the overthrow and death of Marxist President Salvador Allende, Pinochet still runs Chile like a stern father. A state of emergency remains in effect. The country is divided into 12 military zones, each ruled by an "intendente", a military officer with final word on nearly all aspects of life in each zone.

Mayors, university rectors and the heads of some of the country's major television networks are appointed. A vehicular curfew extends from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Public displays of dissidence are not tolerated. Offenders are arrested and held up to 20 days without charges. Repeat offenders and those suspected of political activity can be expelled or banished to remote villages for up to three months. There is no court appeal. There also is evidence that people suspected of having knowledge of terrorists are routinely tortured.

The Roman Catholic Church's Vicariate of Solidarity, which keeps tabs on human rights matters, said 557 persons were arrested for political reasons during the first six months of this year, compared with 614 for the same period last year. It said 21 persons have been banished to remote villages so far this year and one person has been expelled — all by executive order.

The vicariate said 33 persons testified in court they were tortured or physically abused by authorities during the first six months of the year.

Radio and television stations are barred from transmitting dissident political views. Books are censored and those that deal unfavorably with political issues are not approved for publication. Tens of thousands of Chileans are in exile, their passports marked with a large "L," possibly meaning "listed", which forbids them entry into their own country.

"The regime that must live under a constant state of emergency and fears open discussion by moderate people is not effective," wrote Emilio Filipi, editor of the opposition magazine *Hey*, one of the few dissident publications the government allows to circulate.

Said Pinochet supporter and former adviser Alvaro Puga: "Chile can take pride in having defeated Marxism and in having created the economic and social conditions needed for the country to develop in a free enterprise system."

The government says repressive measures are necessary because terrorism continues and international communism is out to destroy the country. Thursday night a member of the national police, Carabineros, was gunned down by automatic weapons fire pouring from a speeding taxi.

On Aug. 24 five bombs exploded around Santiago. One killed a 12-year-old boy who found it while scavenging trash at midnight near a supermarket. Much of the terrorism is blamed on the Leftist Revolutionary Movement (MIR), headed by Andres Pascal Allende, a nephew of the former president. He claims to have 3,000 militants, but the consensus among diplomats here is that the figure is grossly exaggerated.

Though few Chileans appear to support the MIR, disenchantment with Pinochet has grown with the worsening economic slump, billed as the worst since the great depression of the 1930s. The government says 23 percent of the work force is jobless in Santiago, more in the countryside. Throngs of beggars and street sellers are swelling while bankruptcies have reached record figures — 533 in the first eight months of this year.

That compares with an average of about 11.5 per year for a six-year period from 1970-1975. The economic crunch has forced two cabinet changes in four months and a move away from the tight money policies advocated by the University of Chicago-trained economists who guided economic policy from 1975 until recently.

Agitation has increased, especially at the universities. The government recently banished five students to remote villages for their alleged part in student disorders. The measure brought additional student protest. (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Sept. 18th, the 261st day of 1982. There are 104 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1544 — Gustavus of Sweden forms alliance with France to counter Denmark's alliance with Roman Empire.

1740 — Treaty of Belgrade between Roman emperor and Turkey, whereby Austria cedes Orsova, Belgrade and Serbia to Turkey.

1810 — Chile declares independence from Spain.

1860 — Italian troops under Count Camillo Cavour defeat papal forces at Castel Fildaron.

1885 — Disturbances break out in eastern Romania favoring union with Bulgaria.

1931 — Japan begins siege of Mukden, using bomber seaplanes and occupies other strategic points in Manchuria.

1948 — Indonesian Communists set up Soviet-style government in Java but are forced to withdraw.

1961 — U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, 56, is killed in air crash in northern Rhodesia.

1963 — U.N. Special Committee on Apartheid calls for prohibition of arms and petroleum traffic with South Africa.

1967 — U.S. announces it will build anti-missile network to counter any attack by China, explosives planted by Communist terrorists destroy Nationalist Chinese Embassy in Saigon.

1973 — East Germany, West Germany and the Bahamas are admitted to the United Nations.

Thought for today:

The trouble with progress is that it goes forward, not backward — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born playwright (1854-1900).

Undercurrents under dead calm

Everything has gone gray in Poland

By Charles Bremner

WARSAW (R) — The leaves are falling in Lazienki Park and the scent of autumn pervades the Warsaw air. The city is enjoying the late summer sunshine with the prospect of its second winter under martial law.

Two weeks after demonstrators fought street battles here with riot police, Warsaw could be any of the East European capitals. Official slogans evoke the virtues of labor. Queues stretch far outside some of the grandest stores in the main Marszałkowska Avenue while shoppers around the city wait hours for scarce items. That now means almost everything from soap to butter and meat.

But a first brush with an army patrol or a heavily armed unit of the riot police, known by their initials ZOMO, changes the picture. The gray, uniformed ZOMO, strongly disliked and the subject of many bitter jokes, represent the tangible side of the clamp that came down on Poland with the imposition of the "state of war" last Dec. 13.

The ZOMO, distinguishable from ordinary police by their combat fatigues, are billeted in the big Hotel Warsaw and other hotels close to the city center. The ZOMO now patrol tidy streets that a year ago were festooned with posters and the trappings that marked the heyday of the Solidarity trade union and Poland's experiment with open debate and mass non-Communist movement.

Only occasional anti-martial law graffiti testify to the opposition that erupted from the Gdansk strikes in August 1980. Another small sign of protest are the dark glasses often drawn on posters and advertising pictures — a visual allusion to the country's current ruler Wojciech Jaruzelski.

"Everything's gone gray like the army uniform," said one Pole harking back to the heady and chaotic days when Solidarity leaders negotiated with government and the official media burst free from the straitjacket of state censorship.

The same newspapers that last year reported Solidarity's first and only national congress have returned to their old ways after many journalists lost their jobs for failing political "verification" procedures and others simply left.

The result has been a partial boycott by readers, according to Polish journalists and distributors. One Warsaw man who regularly buys a selection of official newspapers report that he is sometimes taken to task by critical passersby.

But conversations with any Poles, whether government spokesmen, chance acquaintances or underground figures reveal that under the calm surface, the undercurrents of crisis

are as strong as ever.

As the Communist weekly *Polityka* put it last weekend: "People want calm to prevail in Warsaw...but it cannot be a dead calm...Dead calm does not eliminate the existing divisions but lets the growing bitterness foment."

The Poles, who have acquired a capacity for living with adversity after centuries of political and military upheaval, are now reverting to their time-honored practice of expressing resistance through gesture and allusion.

The powerful Catholic Church, long a symbol of national identity, has become a rallying point for unspoken protest for sympathizers of the suspended trade union, whose leaders are now interned or underground.

The prime symbols are two big flower crosses laid out in city Church yards with burning candles and other signs of opposition to the martial law authorities.

Lumps of coal, sometimes painted red, commemorate the miners who died at Katowice in Upper Silesia when riot police broke up their protest against martial law last December.

The cross in front of the student Church in the old town is accompanied by a big anchorlike symbol used to denote resistance to Poland's World War II occupiers.

Written protest can sometimes be found by reading between the lines. Poles this week are talking about a Cracow Catholic weekly that sketched a heroic portrait of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa in the guise of an article on Jozef Pilsudski, founder of the independent Polish state after World War I.

But for some Poles, the 16 months of ferment that followed the emergence of Solidarity are a closed chapter. Many already speak in nostalgic terms, referring to the "Solidarity period," and muse on the unreality of a time when an independent labor movement with 10 million members operated in a Communist state complete with big city headquarters, its own newspaper and press facilities.

For them, all that was a far cry from the Warsaw of 1982 where every phone connection is preceded by a taped voice repeating "conversation under surveillance."

Others argue that Solidarity is not a lost cause, pointing to the thousands who braved tear gas in its support at the end of last month. With the onset of autumn and little sign that martial law is about to be lifted, despite the pledges of Gen. Jaruzelski, the words of one defiant catch-phrase have an empty sound.

In the weeks following the crackdown, imposed when snow covered the capital, the union's sympathizers devised the slogan: "winter is yours, the spring is ours."

Bitter adieu to Russia after a 1,000-day sojourn

By Patrick Meney

MOSCOW (AFP) — It is not easy to sum up a correspondent's 1,000 days in the land of Lenin, where every foreigner is suspected of being a spy.

The adieu to Moscow has rather a bitter taste, for all the time a Westerner here is looked on as being the carrier of a dangerous ideological bug and he literally spends his life in a ghetto, guarded and watched by militiamen.

A Westerner cannot move about the country without advising the Foreign Ministry, but in any case eventually has access of no more than one percent of the Soviet Union's vast area. It is therefore difficult to really meet Soviet people who range from Eskimos in north Siberia to Muslims in the south, through Russians and Georgians.

The authorities have managed to spin a cocoon around the Western "man of dollars" who can use special well-stocked state shops to avoid the inconvenience of shopping at the crowded, ill-supplied stores used by the ordinary Soviet citizens. Poor Popov, the Soviet man-in-the-street, has to queue up for food, clothes and even entertainment.

But nothing can stop a Westerner here from using his eyes and ears to discover what is happening around him. He can read the press, which cannot completely ignore reality, as well as arrange "accidental" meetings with ordinary Soviets through his children, a car breakdown or losing one's way.

Russians always claim that a Westerner can never judge their country, though they do not hesitate to criticize a foreign country they have never visited nor have any chance of seeing.

But the truth is that no Westerner here can remain indifferent to this country, which is so far from the image it wants to give. For while it is after all the world's second largest superpower after the United States there are interminable queues in shops, food rationing tickets in the provinces, villages where poorly clad peasants live in wood-built houses without running water, bad roads.

The Soviet Union, the land of the *Sputnik* still has the atmosphere of a gigantic construction site, where there is just as much patching and juggling as actual building, as even Soviet officials will admit.

One meets old Russia in the crowded railway stations, where people travel to the capital from the hinterland. These country people will sleep for two or three days on the platforms among a mass of bundles, baskets, pails of milk or homemade cheese and cheap suitcases full of vegetables.

Tolstoy described such scenes many times... The Soviet Union is lit up by sudden flashes. Behind the facade of a modern state there is an old woman picking through dustbins, a thief steals an apple in a kholoz (state farm) market, peasants mowing hay by hand in a Ukraine field.

Soviet officials complain that such scenes are merely "negative impressions." This is not so. The Westerner is not blind. He can see how women try to dress better, how the suburbs are improving and Moscow's first traffic jams. All signs of higher living standards.

But 1,000 days in the Soviet Union give this Westerner the right to question official

propaganda made in hosts of official speeches. As an Italian writer noted: "the Soviet Union has its head in the year 2000, but its feet well and truly planted in the Middle Ages."

Soviets often say that a foreigner travels through their country in a tunnel, without seeing or understanding. The Novosti feature agency explains this stage of affairs as being caused by the fact that words in the Soviet Union do not mean the same as they do in the West.

Here are two examples. The Soviet press announced on Sept. 7 that the housing crisis was practically solved in the Soviet Union where "80 percent of our citizens live in a private flat."

The Soviet citizen, who knows the real facts, then asks the question: "So where do these 20 percent without flats live?" Then answer of course is: "in communal flats where families share kitchen, bathroom and hallway."

In another example, the press announced that the Fellini film *Amarcord* described as anti-fascist and anti-church, had been released for showing in the Soviet Union. But from Rome Fellini protested that Moscow has censored all scenes judged "dangerous for the Soviet people. So he no longer recognized his own film.

A Westerner, after 1,000 days here, manages to spot how Soviet citizens buck the system, for the problems of daily life bend dogma. In this bureaucratic state, improvisation is essential for survival.

The black market has to be used to buy jeans, records, a theater ticket or even a good steak. The speculator is often regarded as a savior here, as the press admits.

The journalist here often obtains a rather ambiguous and paradoxical image of the Soviet Union. Correspondents are accused of writing an article the first day they arrive, a book one month later and after a year — nothing.

The reason for this silence is that there are no obvious conclusions, and with the best will in the world one becomes tired of trying to find them. It is perhaps wiser to admit one knows nothing.

This correspondent has many times looked at a map of the country and thought: "here I am in the center of an empire covering one-sixth of the world's land surface and I have no idea how people live in this or that village." The authorities even conceal a Moscow underground railway accident, so when one thinks of what can happen in Siberia or Georgia...

Strange things happen in this vast Communist land. In Soviet Central Asia the price of a bride is a camel, two donkeys, 10 carpets and 1,000 rubles.

Western experts continue to prophesy an apocalypse in the Soviet Union which never takes place, just as Nikita Khrushchev boasted that communism would overtake the United States by 1980.

One leaves this country with a sigh of relief — able to drive around without being spied on by a militiaman, choose one's own flat and one's own friends, buy what one fancies without committing an offense. It might be pleasant to return in 10 or 15 years to see the changes. But Soviet acquaintances assure one that "nothing will change."



DEAD CALM IN WARSAW: The Polish capital is currently enjoying the late summer sunshine with the prospect of its second winter under the martial law, but under the calm surface the undercurrents of crisis are as strong as ever. Below: Long food queues outside one of the biggest supermarkets in Downtown Gdansk.



Czechs have their say in wall posters

By Colin McIntyre

PRAGUE (R) — To get to Prague's "Democracy Wall", just follow the paint smeared covering signs to the John Lennon memorial. Neither of these sites is listed in any official guide to the Czechoslovak capital, but they are apparently familiar to a wide circle of people interested in projecting their views and grievances to a wider public.

Efforts by the authorities to paint over their graffiti, far from stopping them, appear to have drawn more attention to the wall and encouraged others to add their thoughts.

The curious history of the wall, situated in a quiet street containing a number of foreign embassies near the Vitava River, began just after the shooting of the former Beatles star John Lennon in New York in December, 1980.

One day a memorial "plaque" bearing the inscription "Za (FDR) John Zinstona Lennona" and the date of his birth and death, appeared on the wall, drawn carefully in chalk.

Soon flowers and candles were left at the foot of the memorial, and quotations from

some of Lennon's songs, such as "Long Live Love" and "Give Peace a Chance", appeared on the wall next to it. The flowers and candles would be removed by police, but were immediately replaced.

At weekends groups of young people used to gather at the memorial to sing or play tapes of Lennon songs. Police kept an eye on these groups, but did not intervene. The authorities finally acted a few months later. Overnight the four-meter high wall was covered from top to bottom with military green paint, blotting out everything on it.

A few days later, the memorial and quotations were back on the wall. Once again it was painted over, but just as quickly restored in its original form.

While this cat-and-mouse game was going on, the graffiti was spreading onto other walls in the neighborhood, and its content was becoming more overtly political.

Alongside calls for universal peace and love appeared such slogans as "Freedom," "We Don't Want Communism," "We are not Free in Czechoslovakia," and "Down With Censorship."

The international nuclear disarmament symbol appeared in some places, and more significantly, a "swords-to-plowshares" emblem used by the unofficial peace movement in East Germany which has close links to the Protestant Church.

On the first anniversary of Lennon's death, Dec. 8, several hundred mainly young people gathered at the wall to mark the occasion. Police had sealed off all streets leading to it, and took down details of identity documents, but did not otherwise intervene.

However, after the declaration of martial law in Poland on Dec. 13, the authorities decided to act again. The wall was covered with a huge wooden hoarding, which soon carried posters announcing forthcoming films, concerts and exhibitions.

This does not, however, appear to have "silenced" Democracy Wall. Many of the posters have been scribbled on, and on other walls in the surrounding neighborhood, over an area much larger than the original one, splashes of yellow, green and grey paint, some of them fresh, testify to the continued efforts of some people to have their say and the authorities to try to stop them.

Pan Am halts trip around the world

By David Finch

NEW YORK (R) — Pan American World Airways, in trying to cut multimillion-dollar losses, is ending its unique around-the-world route which over the years has built up a reputation as the "orient express of the skies."

Its route, the only one of its kind, will end Nov. 31, 35 years after it was introduced with much fanfare shortly after World War II. Millions of passengers have since flown the route, many taking once-in-a-lifetime holiday.

PanAm spokesmen in New York term the halt in the service a "temporary seasonal suspension." However, Austin Lee of Pan Am's public relations department in Hong Kong said it would be correctly described as an indefinite suspension. "We are still saying it is temporary, but we really don't know how temporary it will be," Lee said.

Analysts in New York agreed with Lee's assessment. They said that around-the-world flights had not been making much money. Particular legs of the routes had been unprofitable, the analysts said.

The journey begins in Houston and goes to Dallas, New York, London, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Dubai, Karachi, New Delhi/Bombay, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Los Angeles, with an option then to travel to Houston or New York. Pan Am also operates another flight in the opposite direction. The two planes cross somewhere over the Himalayas.

The airline identified the unprofitable cities as Karachi and Bangkok. Lee said the Delhi-Bangkok run had been unprofitable for many years and the Bangkok-Hong Kong section was very weak due to a lack of passengers. Pan Am flights arrive in these cities very late and there is fierce competition from other carriers.

In future, East-bound flights from the United States will turn around in New Delhi, while West-bound flights will travel to Hong Kong via Tokyo and back.

Pan Am spokesman in New York James Arey maintained the move was only temporary, saying there had been suspensions of the service in the past and that "if business demand dictates, we will reinstate it."

But he conceded that the suspension of the route was the first of its kind in many years and that Pan Am had fixed no date for resumption of the service.

Analysts said the new policy further indicated the around-the-world suspension might be more than just seasonal as Pan Am tries to end a dismal run of multimillion-dollar losses.

The Pan Am spokesman said the company limits the number of flights U.S. carriers can operate to Southwest Asian countries from Hong Kong. By dropping Bangkok, Pan Am could extend its profitable San Francisco-Hong Kong-Singapore round-trip flights to seven days a week.

Pan Am confirmed it would increase flights on that route to seven days a week after suspending the around-the-world service.

The uncertain future of the service contrasts vividly with the ballyhoo surrounding the inaugural flight on June 17, 1947, when Pan Am founder Juan Trippe accompanied a group of newspaper publishers and editors on the historic trip aboard a Lockheed Constellation dubbed "clipper America." Accompanied by an escort of army and navy fighters for the first 150 miles, the plane winged its way to Shannon, Ireland.

It returned to New York 13 days, three hours and 10 minutes later, having logged 25,003 miles. It was feted at all its stops — Gander, Shanndon, London, Istanbul, Dhahran, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Manila, Shanghai, Tokyo, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu, San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

In London the guests had tea with Prime Minister Clement Attlee. They had dinner with Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking, talked with President Manuel Roxas in the Philippines and interviewed Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Japan.

The first commercial flight took off on June 26, with tickets priced at \$1,700 and over the next 35 years millions of passengers took advantage of the service.

The price has remained remarkably stable. Today a basic ticket costs around \$2,000, while passengers who take a chance on standby make the trip for about \$1,200.

Several of the cities visited in 1947 have been dropped and others have joined the itinerary. Among those gone are Dhahran, Calcutta, and Shanghai, while in their place have come Frankfurt, Dubai and New Delhi.

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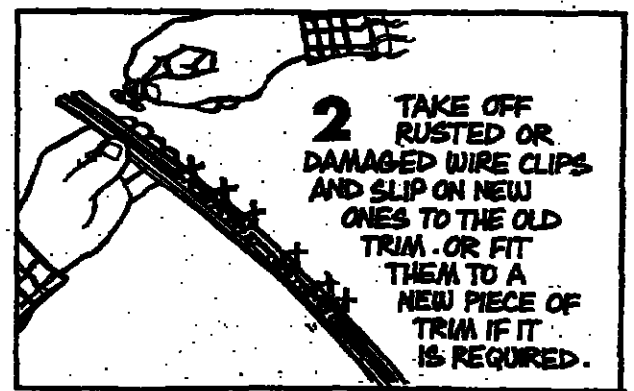
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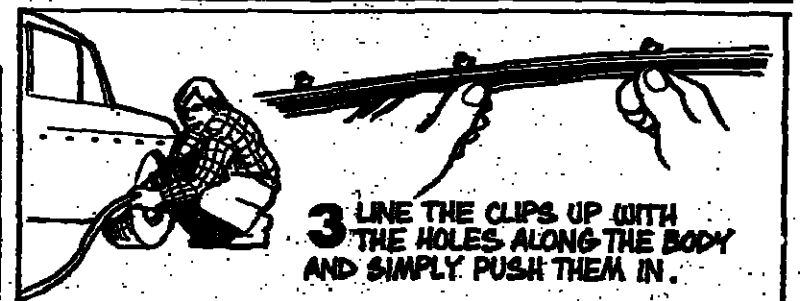
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Research at Michigan

Transportation for handicapped drivers

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Tom Wertz has been paralyzed from his chest down since 1970, after the driver of a car he was in "started whipping the wheel back and forth at about 224 kilometers per hour and lost control," Wertz said.

In American society, being able to transport oneself can be the difference between independence and dependency. Needing that mobility, when Wertz heard that a representative from the Southwest Research Institute, Sam McFarland, was going to visit the Craig Rehabilitation Hospital near his home, Wertz decided to talk to him about an idea he had.

Wertz reasoned with McFarland that the vehicle the astronauts used to drive on the moon using one hand, could be adapted for use by the handicapped.

McFarland contacted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with Wertz's idea and NASA, along with the Veterans Administration (VA), sponsored a study on Wertz' suggestion in 1975. Southwest Research was contracted to research the concept and Wertz was flown to Houston where he drove a "Lunar Rover."

Southwest modified a van with a "Unistik Vehicle Controller" (UVC), capable of moving a vehicle in two or more directions. But the system was declared unresponsive and the project was shelved.

Finally, in 1981, NASA and the VA offered money for a three-phase program to develop a vehicle modification for the handicapped. A contract was awarded to Nelson and Johnson Engineering of Boulder, Colo.

Based on NASA's unistik "moon buggy," the end result was a van with the unistik controller mounted on the end of an arm rest by the operator's seat. The controller sends signals to servo motors on the steering column, brake pedal or accelerator whenever the controller is moved.

Moving the unistik forward accelerates the vehicle; moving it back slows and stops it; and moving it side to side controls steering.

"We think we've done something that's never been done before," Johnson said. Unlike other modifications, the UVC allows the vehicle to be driven at 88 kilometers per hour in traffic.

When fully developed, the control system will be a compact electronics unit which fits into virtually any vehicle without extensive modification and will allow non-handicapped drivers to return to standard controls at the flip of a switch.

Wertz, who operated heavy equipment and "raced just about everything" before his accident, has adopted the van as his dream-turned-reality.

Wertz's wife Shirley commented, "He loves it (the van). The first time he drove it

he came home and I bet he talked for six hours... about the van and what he could do with it."

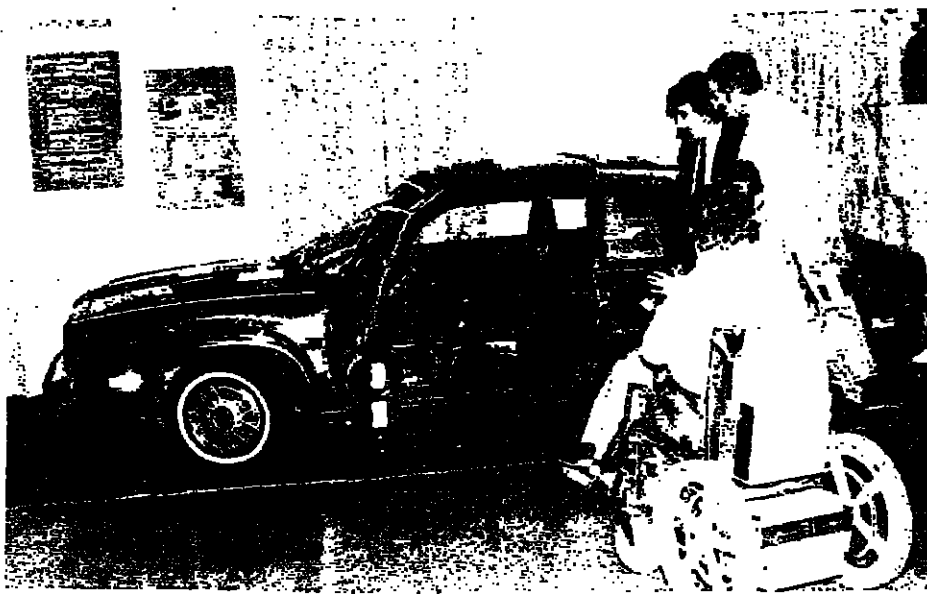
Another alternative to independent transportation for disabled drivers was displayed at the 5th annual conference on rehabilitation engineering in Houston.

Researchers of the Rehabilitation Engineering Center at the University of Michigan have been developing an acceptable wheelchair-lift system based on two-door passenger cars. According to one of the project's researchers, Mohamed Y. Zarrugh, an assistant professor at the University of Michigan, the system provides access for a specially built wheelchair through the driver door of General Motors' X-car.

The entry concept, Zarrugh said, simple. The variable wheelchair is driven onto a special docking frame extending from the floor to the side of the car. With the seat supported by the frame, the seat-height adjustment mechanism is operated to lower the seat. But since the seat is held fixed, the lower section of the chair is retracted to bring the overall height of the driver's chair within the head-room available.

A ball screw actuator opens and closes the door under the remote control of the disabled driver. One end of the actuator is bolted to the dash, the other is bolted to the door above the chair support frame.

The action of the actuator is replaced by that of a latching device during the last few degrees of door closing in order to exert a



WHEELCHAIR FOR X CAR: A researcher from the University of Michigan Rehabilitation Engineering Center demonstrates the specially built wheelchair for the two-door X car made by General Motors for disabled drivers.

large enough force to compress the door seals and latch the door. The latching device, a Cadillac trunk closing unit modified by the addition of an intricate hook, draws the door into a locked position. After the door is latched automatically, the chair and occupant are brought into driving position. At this point, the seat is raised off the support frame

and the chair is adjusted for proper driving position. Finally, the wheelchair restraint system is activated to lock the wheelchair into place.

According to Zarrugh, the prototype is still being evaluated for "operability" and reliability using disabled subjects. Response to the prototype has been favorable, he said.

TREATMENT FOR STUBBORNNESS

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: For years, my daughter has had the problem of painful menstruation. She's still unmarried at 32. Some of her friends are saying it's a psychosomatic problem. They're labeling her a neurotic. They even suggest she visit a psychiatrist for couch therapy. She may not be neurotic, but I do admit she's stubborn. She refuses to see a gynecologist. Meanwhile, she suffers every month. Aspirin doesn't help much. At times, she's so uncomfortable, she misses a day or two of work. Isn't there some medicine that will at least keep her more comfortable? — Mrs. A.

Dear Mrs. A.: Let's forget about neurosis for a while and try to overcome her stubbornness. A gynecologist will examine her and determine if she has any physical reason for her monthly pain. If not present, blaming it on emotional cause may not be the answer, either. Dysmenorrhea has been blamed on poor posture in addition to neurotic attitudes.

But chances are the reason is not personality disorder. Sometimes, application of moist heat or a heat pad help what's also been called "the curse" and "the friendly monthly nuisance." But, the more specific and successful treatment is medicine the doctor may prescribe to prevent the uterus from contracting too fast and too hard — this is what causes the pain. Treatment neutralizes the cramping by inhibiting production of a potent hormone by the lining of the uterus. As I see it, Mrs. A., what your daughter needs first is some specific treatment for her stubbornness. Let's get her to the doctor.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: How do you feel about boxing as a sport for 12- or 13-year-olds? My husband is a boxing nut. He has bought a pair of boxing gloves for our youngster. I'm afraid of his brains being "scrambled." I wish he hadn't bought the gloves. — Mrs. R.

Dear Mrs. R.: Like any sport for youngsters, boxing should be carefully supervised by a competent adult. Children should wear protective headgear. Personally, I share your anxiety if a child is allowed to box without proper supervision. Of course, this is also true for such sports as football, baseball and other athletic activities.

For Mrs. G.: The condition you refer to is called "retrolental fibroplasia." It may destroy vision in some premature infants who have received concentrated oxygen therapy.

For Mr. L.: The causes for anal fissure vary. Perhaps the most common is constipation and passage of hard stools which injure the lining of the rectum. Usually, conservative medical treatment will heal the fissure. In stubborn cases, surgery is the only answer.

For Mrs. S.: Nasal sprays often provide relief for nasal congestion. But they should be used in moderation. Overuse may produce a "rebound reaction" in which the nasal membrane becomes even more congested.

(Tomorrow: Obesity)

By Peter J.

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MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Asian farmers exposed to hazardous herbicide

By Sumanta Banerjee

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — "Agent orange" was a chemical herbicide sprayed in large quantities over Vietnam by the Americans during the war to destroy trees and vegetation. Both the Vietnamese population and the American soldiers were exposed to the chemical.

And today, they are suffering from a host of disabilities ranging from blindness to severe skin eruptions. Their children are also born with missing limbs, noses, eyelids, ears and internal organs.

About 17,000 American war veterans, joined by 4,000 Australians and 1,700 New Zealanders and Koreans have filed a collective lawsuit against five chemical companies which supplied "agent orange" for the Vietnam War.

But it seems this hasn't stopped manufacturers from producing the deadly herbicide. Proof is that "agent orange" is still very much part of Asia. The farmers in thousands of plantations, forests, farms of Malaysia and India are using the herbicide daily. In the process, they are sowing seeds of cancer, birth defects and major ailments.

"Agent orange" is actually a 50-50 mixture of two herbicides — 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. Both contain a by product called dioxin, thought by scientists to be the most toxic synthetic substance in the world. Three ounces of dioxin, if taken directly, would kill one million people.

It is estimated that about 360 pounds of pure dioxin rained down on Vietnam during the nine years that agent orange was used. According to Hanoi University's biology faculty, in one single Vietnamese village exposed to "agent orange," of 200 persons, 30 are today paralyzed, 15 are deaf, 12 are deformed, eight are blind and six are dumb.

Despite these well-propagated ill-effects of "agent orange," the two herbicides used in making the chemical are being extensively used in Malaysia. A survey by the Consumers Association of Penang (CAP) says that the herbicide 2,4-D is being used to kill and control weeds in virtually all rubber and oil palm plantations and small holdings.

Most rubber estates also use 2,4,5-T for various purposes, especially to kill old trees. The CAP survey team found that this herbicide was being sold in sundry shops in towns and rural areas, often inadequately labeled and dangerously displayed in the same shelves as bottles of sauce and other food products.

The CAP team interviewed the workers and farmers using the herbicides, discovered that most of them were not aware of the dangers. Normal safety precautions like the use of gloves, masks and protective cloths were absent. The number of workers and small holders thus exposed may run into thousands.

Tracing the side effects of the use of the herbicides on them may be a difficult task. Deformed babies may be born to them, but doctors and workers alike may not be able to trace the cause to the herbicides.

Similarly in India, 4-D is being manufactured by at least three firms and is used in plantations and estates. Use of pesticides in India is regulated under the Insecticides Act of 1968. To evaluate the extent of implementation of the Act, the Indian government set up five survey teams for different zones in October 1980. The team strongly suggested the urgent need to improve the quality of enforcement of the Insecticides Act. The government is also considering the need to amend the act.

Worse still, 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T are restricted or banned in several countries, including the U.S., West Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, the Netherlands and New Zealand. Yet, manufacturers of the herbicides based in these countries are exporting them to the Third World. The main chemical companies producing and selling the hazardous herbicides to the Third World are BASF, Celamerck of West Germany, Chemicals of the U.S. and Shell of Netherlands.

Industrialized countries which manufacture the two herbicides may not be immune to their ill-effects. The plight of American soldiers who handled them while spraying is well known. But even peacetime, the hazards remain.

A 2,4,5-T manufacturing firm in Derbyshire, England blew up in 1968. Tons of dioxin-contaminated waste from the explosion were secretly buried close to a village hospital. Today, the dump is facing disturbance by drift mining operations and there is the danger of leaking deadly poison.

Miners intend to extract coal from a seam going right beneath the buried dioxin. The danger of the dioxin reaching the surface or finding its way into the myriad of underground water channels which feed a local reservoir must be greatly increased by the mining.

Infrared photography

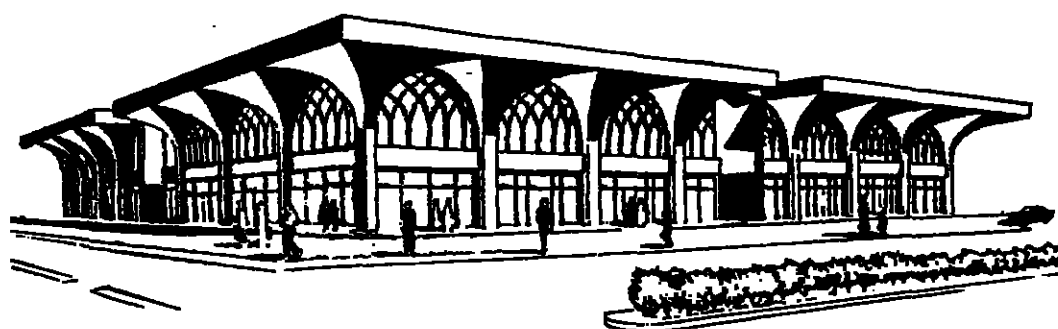
STOCKHOLM — The potential of infrared photography is said to be significantly improved by a new application of the CTD technique (charge transfer devices) developed by the Research Institute of the Swedish National Defense (FOA) and the Linköping Institute of Technology.

The use of infrared photography, which utilizes the thermal radiation of the object to be photographed, is at present limited by the fact that the number of detectors in the camera is in practice limited to about 200. This is because they have to be cooled and the cooling process is counteracted by heat entering the detector device via the detector cell terminals.

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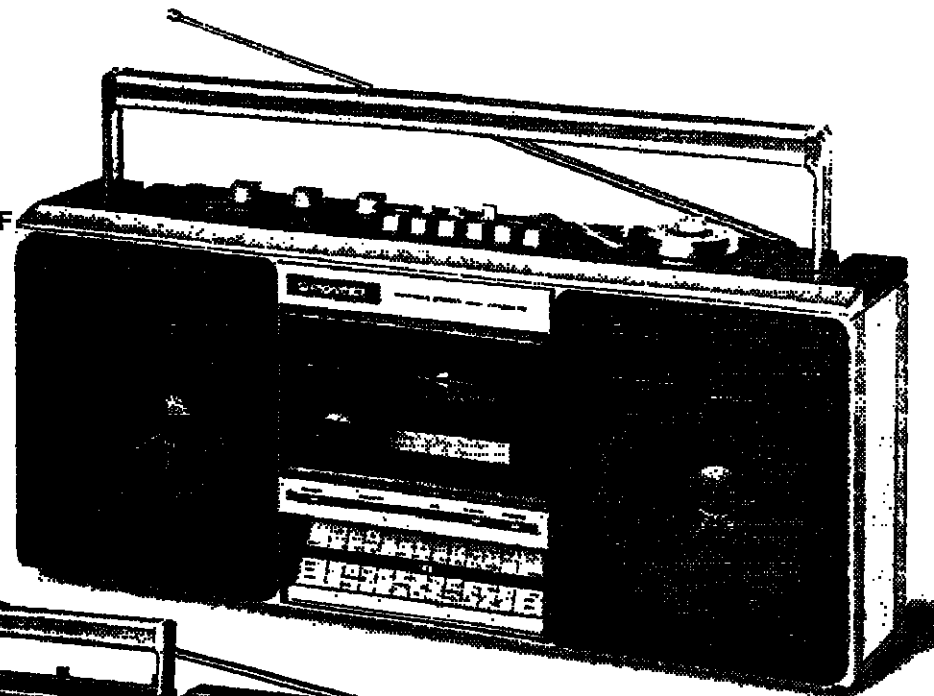
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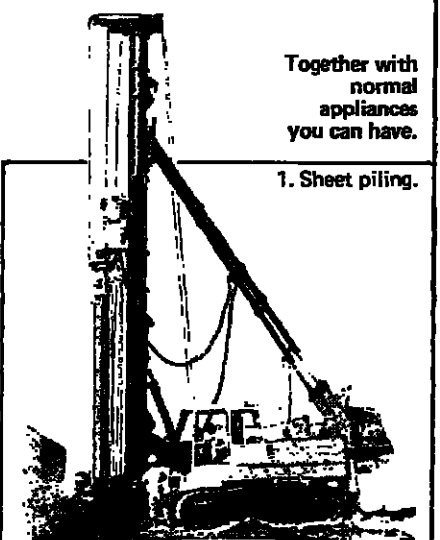
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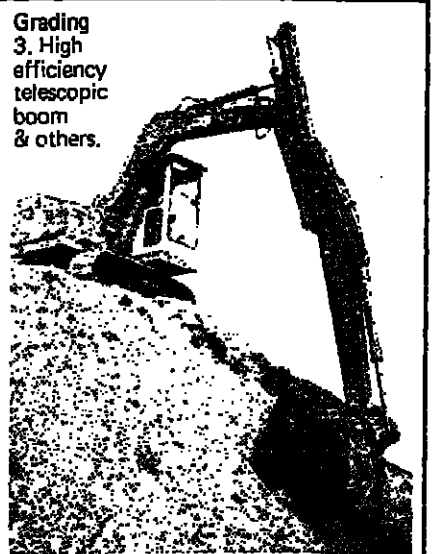


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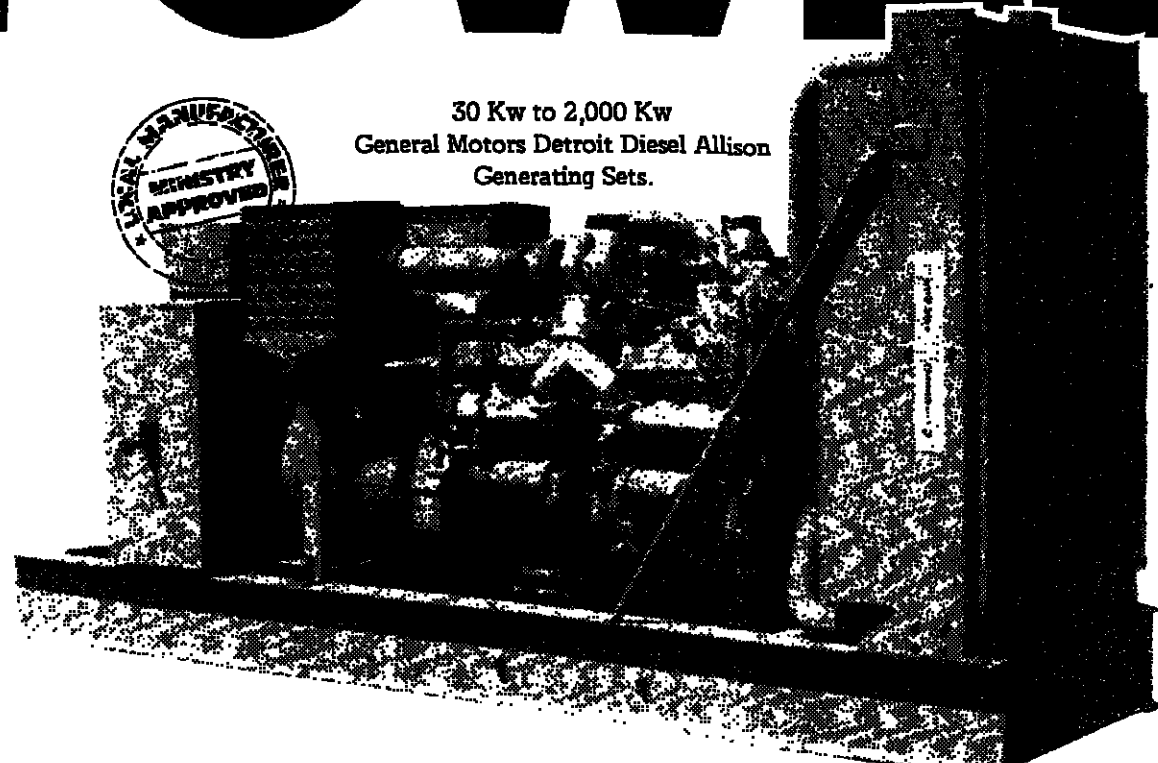
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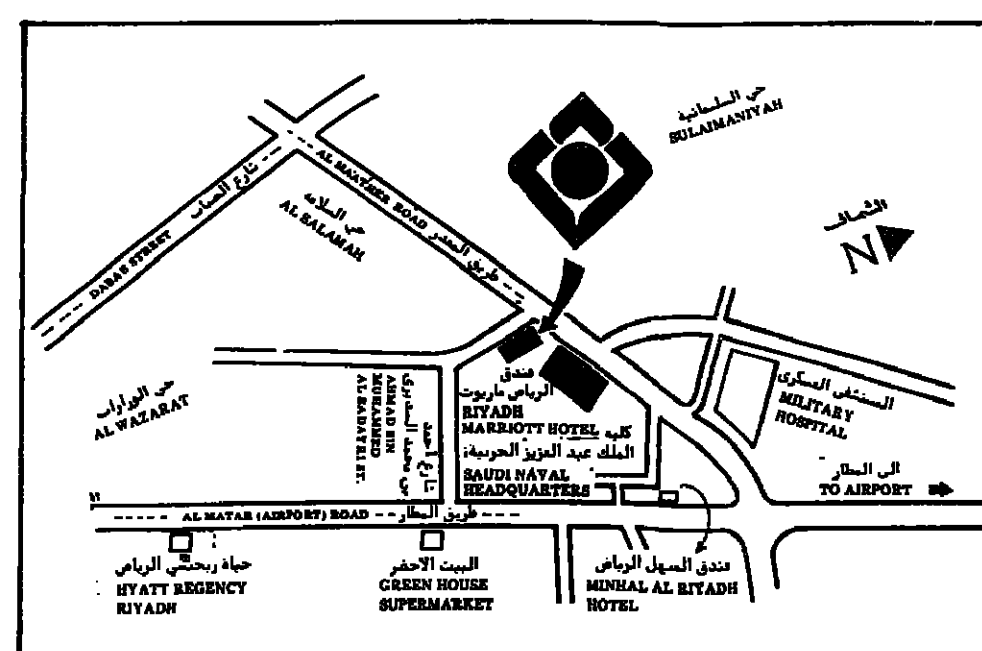
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U.S. won't recognize Sihanouk coalition

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP) — The United States does not envisage recognizing the anti-Vietnamese Cambodian Democratic Kampuchea government headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, but will ask that Cambodia's disputed seat at the United Nations remain under its control, according to a leading State Department official.

Testifying Wednesday before a House of Representatives subcommittee, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs John Holdridge said the three-way coalition formed in June between Prince Sihanouk, former Premier Son Sann and the Khmer Rouge was not regarded as a government by the Americans.

The purpose of the "arrangement" was "implementation of the declaration of the international conference on Kampuchea which outlines a formula for Vietnamese withdrawal and restoration of Khmer self-determination through full U.N.-supervised elections... It is not a permanent government."

But he said the United States would vote against any effort to reconsider the credentials of the Democratic Kampuchea representatives when the U.N. General Assembly votes on whether to recognize them or the pro-Vietnam Heng Samrin regime after its annual session begins Sept. 21.

This step, he said, was being taken in agreement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which groups the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. "Our stand remains on the technical ground that, having granted credentials to a representative, the U.N. can withdraw them only if there is a superior claimant to the seat," Holdridge told the committee.

The Heng Samrin regime is regarded by the United States as simply a creature of Vietnam that is occupying Cambodia in violation of international law. On the other hand, "the coalition provides a domestic and international platform for the non-Khmer Rouge nationalist Kampuchean like Prince Sihanouk and Prime Minister Son Sann and could allow them to expand significantly their domestic and international status and support as true representatives of the Khmer people," the official said.

While the United States would give the non-Communist leaders moral and diplomatic support, there was no question of U.S. military aid, he specified.

Soviets appear satisfied on China border report

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (AFP) — The Soviet government has so far not publicly reacted to Peking reports that bilateral border talks will be held early next month, but in private officials do not hide their satisfaction.

The Peking reports, quoted by Western diplomatic sources, had still not been mentioned in the Soviet press, but there can be no doubt that a resumption of talks would fall within the framework of the Kremlin's policies over the past few months. For, the Kremlin has increased its offers to negotiate with China, considering — in the words of President Leonid Brezhnev that: "The state of hostility and isolation" between the two countries cannot be considered a "normal phenomenon."

Brezhnev personally inaugurated this new offer to China in a major speech that he made last March in Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan. He recognized the socialist nature of the Peking regime and also its undeniable sovereignty over Taiwan.

Gandhi praises Brezhnev

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi praised India's close ties with the Soviet Union and said it was "a great privilege" for her country to have Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev as a friend.

Brezhnev, who visited India in December 1980, "stood by us in times of need... so naturally we have a special regard and esteem for him," Mrs. Gandhi said Thursday in a statement filmed in New Delhi and shown on Soviet television.

"The Soviet Union can be proud of having leaders of his stature to guide the people and to try and convince the other peoples and other countries of the need for peace and greater cooperation," she added.

Mrs. Gandhi, who arrives in Moscow Monday on an official visit, described friendship between the two countries as a "factor for stability as well as for the peace in the

Human error 'caused' missile firing

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 17 (AP) — It probably was human error and not a malfunction that caused a live surface-to-surface missile to fire from a Danish frigate on its way to join NATO maneuvers in the North Sea, a defense spokesman said.

The U.S.-made Harpoon missile was launched accidentally from the frigate *Peder Skram* on Sept. 6. Its live warhead exploded in a beach house community on the main Danish island of Zealand. Eight beach houses were destroyed and scores were damaged. Miraculously, no one was injured.

Lt. Cmdr. Christian Simonsen of the Danish Navy's material command said Thursday a preliminary investigation indicates "human errors in the missile's technical trial procedure may have caused the Har-

poon to go off."

Immediately after the incident the *Peder Skram's* skipper, Lt. Cmdr. Jens Lange Winther, said the key for arming the missile was in his possession when it went off.

Simonsen said he couldn't explain how the Harpoon fired without the key. "The report will be finished within a couple of weeks and I can say no more about it until then," he said.

The prime minister praised the bilateral treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation, calling it a "symbol of the dedication of our two countries to peace and detente."

Mrs. Gandhi said she was going to the Soviet Union with "feelings of friendship" and she hoped her trip would be a "contribution to this common cause." Her last official visit was in 1976.

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W. German jailed for espionage

FRANKFURT, West Germany Sept. 17 (AP) — A West German court sentenced a 70-year-old businessman to two years and ten months in prison Thursday for supplying the Soviet intelligence service KGB with NATO weapons information.

The court said Eduard Ries received from the Soviets about 70,000 marks (\$28,000) for supplying the KGB with numerous publications from defense marketing services in Greenwich, Connecticut, a publishing house specializing in information about NATO weapons systems.

Pope letter on invasion issue denied

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 17 (R) — The Vatican has denied that Pope John Paul told Moscow he would give up office and return to Poland if the Soviet Union invaded his homeland.

A spokesman also said the Vatican had no knowledge of an alleged link between the Soviet secret service and Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca, who shot the pope in May 1981. The spokesman was commenting on an NBC television documentary, to be shown in New York next week, which says the Pope's threat to quit was contained in a hand-written letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in August 1970.

NBC quoted Vatican sources for this report, adding that intelligence experts said the pope's letter offered a possible reason for a plot against his life. Journalist Claire Sterling, who did the research for the NBC program, claimed last month that the pope's letter offered a possible reason for a plot against his life. Journalist Claire Sterling, who did the research for the NBC program, claimed last month that the pope's letter offered a possible reason for a plot against his life.

On the alleged link between the Turkish gunman and Moscow, Don Pastore said "I know of no proof that such a link existed."

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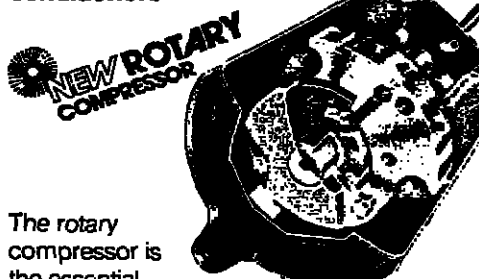
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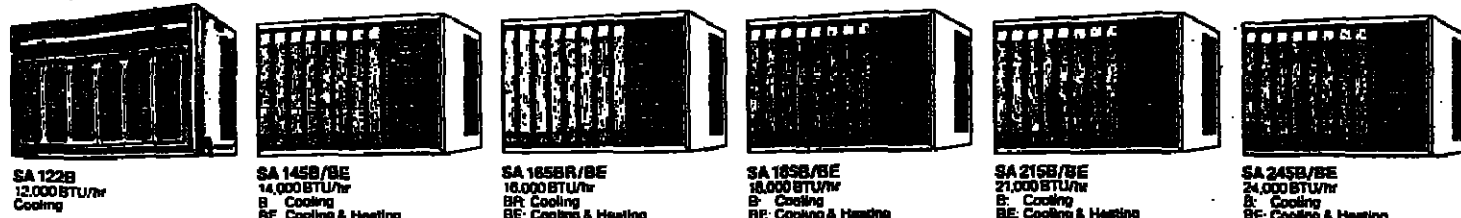
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Guatemala to execute 4 leftist guerrillas

GUATEMALA CITY, Sept. 17 (AP) — Guatemala's military regime announced Thursday night it would execute four leftist guerrillas, the first convicted of terrorism by a special court under the state of siege.

A government bulletin said the four men would face a firing squad in Guatemala City's main cemetery. It was the first official report on the work of a tribunal set up to try terrorism cases under the July 1 state-of-siege decree, which made the death sentence mandatory for anyone convicted. The court has acquitted 22 suspects and is trying 14 others, the announcement said.

The convicted men were identified as members of the guerrilla army of the poor, one of four insurgent groups fighting to overthrow Gen. Jose Efraim Rios Montt's six-month-old regime.

One of them, Jaime de La Rosa Rodriguez, was convicted of killing two persons including a Guatemala city policeman Aug. 12, robbery, treason, illicit association, possession of firearms and "attempting against the integrity and independence of the state," the bulletin said.

It said the others were found guilty of

planting bombs and guerrilla propaganda, attempted murder against "various civilians and soldiers" and robbery.

All four suspects were represented by state-appointed lawyers in the closed-door trial, the announcement said. Tens of thousands of people have died in Guatemala's political violence since 1960, but none has ever been legally executed for terrorist acts. Guatemala has a death penalty for murder. It was last applied in 1975.

Human rights groups, moderate politicians, church workers and refugees reaching Mexico contend the army under Rios Montt has summarily executed hundreds of unarmed people suspected of supporting the guerrillas. Amnesty International in mid August reported 2,186 such deaths, mostly in Indian villages, since the March 23 military coup that brought Rios Montt to power.

The government denies the accusation and has invited the Inter American Human Rights Commission to visit the country, starting next Tuesday to investigate its counter insurgency methods.

Soviet satellite saves Canadians

OTTAWA, Sept. 17 (R) — Three Canadians whose light plane crashed in British Columbia were saved with rescue information provided by an orbiting Soviet satellite, the Canadian Defense Department said. "As far as we know there has never been a rescue of this sort before," said a defense spokesman Thursday.

Pilot George Heemskerk and two friends crashed last week while combing British Columbia forests in search of Heemskerk's son, who disappeared in a plane in July.

Following an appeal for help from Canadian rescue teams, a Soviet satellite orbiting over western Canada picked up automatic distress signals from Heemskerk's wrecked plane and pinpointed the site.

The satellite, launched on June 30, is the first link in what will eventually be an international search and rescue system operated by the Soviet Union, Canada, the United States and France.

U.S. withdrawal from Korea seen

PEKING, Sept. 17 (R) — Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang said the withdrawal of United States troops from South Korea was "an inevitable trend of history, which no force can resist."

Speaking at a banquet for North Korean President Kim Il-Sung, he praised North Korea's proposals for the reunification of the peninsula, which he said were fair and reasonable and accord with the fundamental interests and common aspirations to the entire Korean people. Two years ago North Korea proposed a plan for reunification based on the formation of a "democratic confederal republic of Korea." But South Korea rejected the idea.

Hu disclosed in his speech that he and Chinese elder statesman Deng Xiaoping paid a secret visit to North Korea last April. He gave no details of the visit but said leaders of the two countries had agreed to visit each other frequently, exchange information and give mutual support. The visit to North Korea was Deng's first known trip abroad since his tour of the United States in early 1979.

President Kim was given a spectacular welcome when he arrived at Peking railway station Thursday. Little is known about Kim's program or how long he will stay in China.

Panel kills ceiling plan in U.S. immigration bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP) — In a stunning surprise, the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee voted by a narrow margin Thursday to eliminate a proposed ceiling on legal immigrants to the United States from a sweeping immigration bill it is considering.

The vote represented a personal victory for the committee chairman, representative Peter W. Rodino, Jr., a New Jersey Democrat. He said Congress should not tamper with the current law which grants virtually unlimited immigration rights to immediate family members of U.S. citizens.

His amendment was approved by a vote of 15-12, despite contentions of opponents that the Rodino plan could upset the delicate balance in the immigration bill.

Meanwhile, the committee continued to proceed at a slow pace in its work on the massive bill, threatening the measure's chances for passage before Congress adjourns, tentatively on Oct. 8. It now seems unlikely the committee will complete its work in that period a vote by the full house next week.

The Senate has already passed its own version of the bill, the first proposed thorough overhaul of the United States immigration law in 30 years. The bill would place an annual ceiling on legal immigration at

424,020. The house bill originally had placed that figure at 60,000. But the Rodino amendment deleted two entire sections of the bill establishing a complicated quota system for admitting legal immigrants.

The purpose of both versions is to eliminate the lure of jobs for illegal immigrants, most of whom are from Mexico.

Carter attacks Haig

ATLANTA, Sept. 17 (R) — Former President Jimmy Carter described former Secretary of State Alexander Haig as too unstable to serve in office. At a lecture at Emory University Thursday, Carter said: "I don't think he (Haig) was a stable enough man to carry on the business of our foreign policy."

"I don't mean that he's unbalanced, but he was somewhat paranoid about claimed personal vendettas against him," Haig resigned on June 25 after several well publicized disputes with other members of the Reagan administration.

Carter also said he would find it difficult to support Sen. Edward Kennedy if he became the Democratic presidential nominee in 1984. "I have never voted for a Republican in my life but it would be difficult for me to support Ted Kennedy at the present time," he said.

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI (AP) — The Indian government will comment "in a day or two" on the reported defection of a Chinese engineer to India, an official spokesman said Thursday. The Indian Express (independent) newspaper reported earlier that a Chinese national identified as Cheng Yen had crossed over into India Sept. 2 near Tezpur in northeast Assam state, and was being held at Tezpur jail while Indian officials evaluated his request for asylum.

METZ, Eastern France (APF) — Former French Premier Pierre Messmer, 66, was seriously injured in a car accident near here Thursday, it was reported. Messmer, who was premier under President Georges Pompidou from 1972 to 1974, was being driven back from Paris to his home in eastern France together with a senior official from this area. Both men were hospitalized with head injuries and multiple bruises.

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — An ill-fated Canadian expedition resumed its ascent of

Mount Everest Thursday with the aim of planting the maple leaf flag on the rooftop of the world despite four deaths and the early withdrawal of six of their colleagues. Meanwhile, a five-member Himalayan expedition formed of guides on Alpine Mountain Chavonix pitched their camp on Sept. 10 in a bid to conquer the 8,157-meter-high Mount Manaslu via its unclimbed south east ridge, its leader said.

PANAMA CITY, (AP) — A National Guard coast patrol seized 10 Colombians and 1,425 kilograms of cocaine estimated at \$200 million, from a boat off Panama's Caribbean coast, a government official said. He called it the biggest drug bust in Latin American history.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A teenage boy was killed and several children and British soldiers injured in a bomb explosion in Roman Catholic west Belfast Thursday evening, police said.

Panama leaders jostle for power

PANAMA CITY, Sept. 17 (ONS) — A power struggle has started in Panama. A year after the country's charismatic strongman, Gen. Omar Torrijos, died in a plane crash the complex and fragile political alliances he masterminded are breaking up.

The outlook is further clouded by serious economic problems, while a huge, unfolding financial scandal which involves key government figures has brought even cynical Panamanians on to the streets in their thousands to protest government corruption.

The latest political shifts seem to be taking Panama back toward the orbit of the United States. During the Torrijos years, relations were soured by arguments over the Panama Canal, and his successor, President Royo, led the Latin Americans into a vitriolically anti-British stance over the Falklands War.

But since Royo's forced retirement this July, allegedly for health reasons, the two (seemingly) most powerful men in the country, the commander of the National Guard, Ruben Paredes, and intelligence chief Manuel Noriega have both publicly adopted a pro-American stance.

The 10,000-strong National Guard is still considered to be the final arbiter here, despite the appointment in July of a new civilian President, the dapper ex-banker Ricardo de la Espriella. "Make no mistake, the president is no more than a civil servant. This is a military government," said an observer who asked not to be identified.

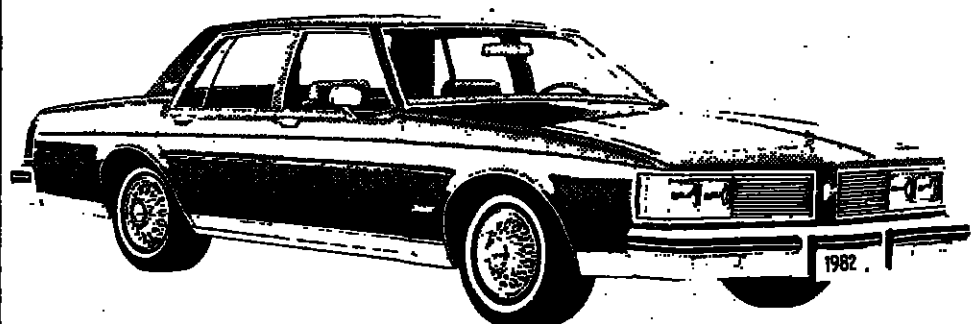
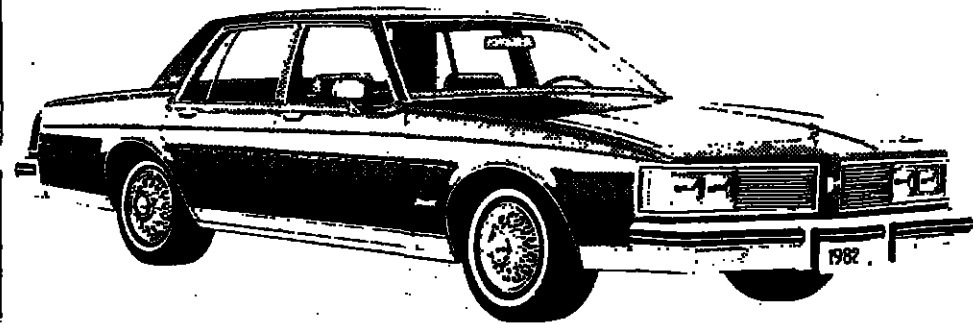
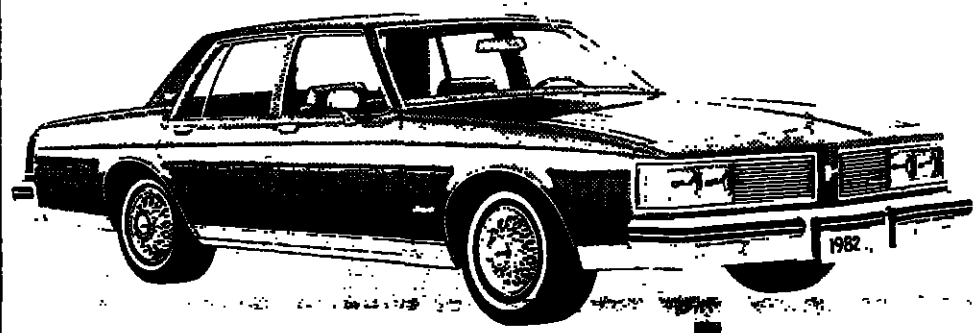
His view is echoed by many others here. The question is: Who controls the guard? During the time of Torrijos (who held sway from 1968 to 1981), power was concentrated in his hands. Since his death there has been constant jockeying within the guard for top positions. "No one knows who is in charge any more — there is complete confusion here," a Western diplomat said.

At first sight, the top dog seems to be Gen. Paredes (who took over as commander of the guard in a March putsch). He is known to have presidential aspirations. But Col. Noriega, head of the military intelligence organization, G2, may well prove stronger. Little is known about the real ambitions of this sinister and extremely powerful figure who has so far kept out of the political limelight.

President De la Espriella told a reporter in an interview: "You journalists overestimate the power of the National Guard." He insisted he runs the country "in consultation with other groups, who include the guard, labor unions and political parties."

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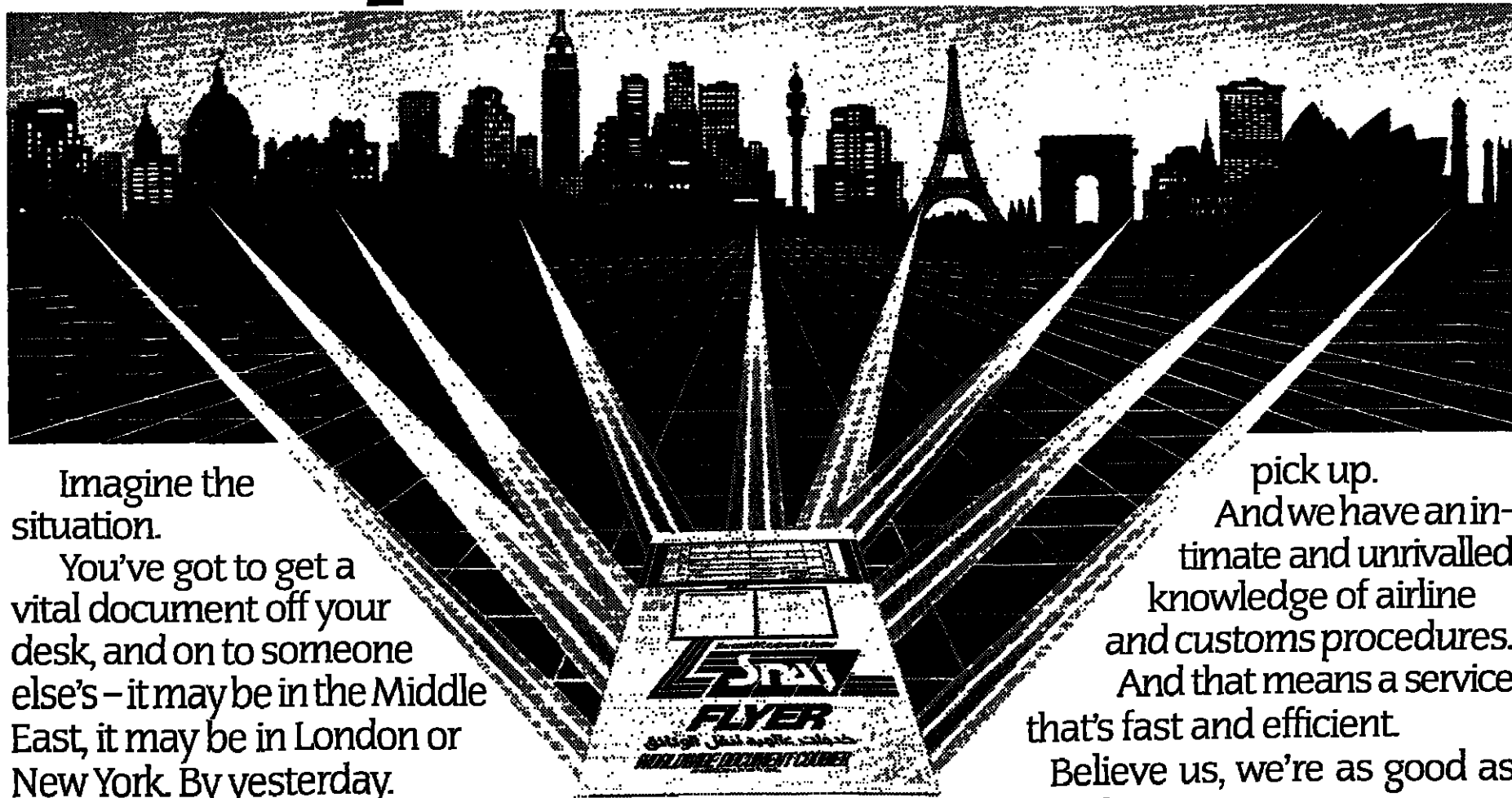
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Ailing the catchword for Europe economy

LONDON, Sept. 17 (AP) — Western Europe is in an economic sickbed with raging unemployment, stunted growth and an epidemic of bankruptcies.

Inflation, though slowing down, is still high and even the most optimistic are guarded about the outlook. "Mixed and problematical," said a spokesman for West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government.

In the Netherlands things look "bleak." Luuk Van Zijl, an economics ministry spokesman, said: "Stagnation is the catchword."

An Associated Press survey of West European economies discloses jobless rates ranging from Britain's record 13.8 percent to France's 8.9 percent and West Germany's 7.4 percent, both post World War II highs.

Even the traditionally fully employed Scandinavian countries report alarming rises in joblessness. Europeans feel their economic future is bound to that of the United States.

"In the early part of the year, the very high level of American interest rates was among the most depressing factors on European economies," said Max Wilkinson, economics correspondent of London's *Financial Times*. "Now, everybody is worried about the U.S. recession," he said.

He says the same factors that have sent the U.S. economy into a tailspin — with unemployment billowing to 9.8 percent, inflation at 7.3 percent and gross national product growing at 1.3 percent in the second quarter — are present in Europe: The high cost of borrowing and low level of demand.

The result is a map of Europe with few bright spots.

Britain — The all-time high of 13.8 percent unemployment works out to 3,292,702 people, or nearly one in seven workers. Businesses are going under at a rate of 9,500 a year, 21.7 percent faster than last year. Olaker

Airways and DeLorean Motors are among the spectacular failures.

France — The 8.9 percent jobless rate translates to 2,049,600 people, bankruptcies are up 5.5 percent over last year and the rate is accelerating. The GNP dropped 0.1 percent in the first quarter, the trade deficit so far this year is double of last 4 years.

West Germany — Unemployment is at 7.4 percent of the work force and still rising. According to government's own admission growth has been almost at a standstill for the last 18 months and future prospects are bleak.

Italy — Unemployment is climbing. The value of the lira against the dollar has slumped and foreign debt stands at billions of dollars.

Belgium — The current jobless rate, 11 percent, is just 1-10 of a percent below the all-time high set in July. The government is planning an austerity program to cut spending, limit wage hikes and deal with an 89 billion dollar foreign debt.

The Netherlands — In August, unemployment hit a post-war peak of 12.6 percent. Bankruptcies leapt 42 percent last year to 7,268 and the trend appears to be continuing. Switzerland — This nation, noted as a bastion of cautious optimism, has an unemployment rate of 0.4 percent, Western Europe's lowest.

Austria — A jobless rate of 1.4 percent masks some underlying problems. Bankruptcies are up nearly 20 percent from last year, when the Kneissl ski factory and Eumig camera business hit the skids. Inflation is running at 5.1 percent.

Turkey — After a massive foreign debt rescheduling in 1980, Turkey has cut its triple-digit inflation and boosted exports with an austerity program, but this has sparked a recession resulting in an estimated 19 percent out of work.

IBM seeks damages from Hitachi

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AFP) — The U.S. electronics giant IBM has launched a damages claim against the Japanese firm Hitachi and the U.S. firm National Semiconductor Corporation, following allegations of stolen IBM trade secrets.

Last June, Hitachi and 14 of its employees were charged by a U.S. federal judge with illegally obtaining documents and equipment related to one of IBM's high power computers.

IBM — International Business Machines Corporation — made its claim for damages Thursday at a U.S. district court of California.

The claim covered a number of Hitachi subsidiaries and representatives, and legal costs were also sought.

Cited in the claim were Hitachi, its subsidiary Nissei Electronics, its commercial representative in the U.S. NCL Data Inc., National Semiconductor, and its marketing division National Advanced Systems.

In Tokyo, Hitachi Limited said Friday it would defend itself vigorously against a civil suit.

Scarcity a food for thought for the Russians

LONDON, Sept. 17 (ONS) — *Pravda's* warning recently about difficulties and poor work in Soviet farming cannot have surprised either the Soviet shopper or anyone who reads what the Soviet Press itself writes about Soviet farms.

The supply of food to the shops has been getting obviously worse over the last few years in all but the most agriculturally favored regions of the Soviet Union. It is particularly poor in the towns of Russia proper where in many cases there is virtual rationing of some foods, but bad enough to be a cause of grumbling even in the supposedly favored Soviet capital.

The Soviet leaders, cautious though they are about discussing sensitive matters in public speeches, have now said enough to make it plain that they understand the gravity of the food problem. They have indicated that they appreciate the popular discontent it is causing. And they are trying to show that they have plans to do something about it.

Their latest proof of intention is the so-called Food Program, announced earlier

Banking crisis on the cards

Experts say

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AFP) — The big international banks have gained some consolation from this month's mammoth IMF/World Bank parley in Toronto, but they still think the international banking system could move into crisis.

That, at least, is the view of leading Wall Street financier, Robert Roosa, one-time assistant treasury secretary who says that a banking crisis is still possible in spite of the huge debts of certain countries.

A widespread view is that the big banks are walking on a tightrope, trying to make it look credible.

From the Toronto gathering, American bankers appear to have reached two main conclusions:

1) Each country will have to tighten its belt a little more making adjustments to restore basic equilibrium, and

2) The International Monetary Fund may shortly have a "crisis fund" to cope with situations threatening the stability of the international monetary system.

Opinions naturally vary. The top people at Citibank, number two in the U.S., say they don't believe in the Domino theory, by which the collapse of one country triggers a chain reaction in the banking sector.

Executives at Morgan Guaranty Trust,

number five bank, say debt rescheduling in the case of certain impecunious nations has a positive aspect: The conversion of some large short-term borrowing into longer-term borrowing.

Some bankers in New York are willing to admit they have been lending abroad too liberally over the past few years. They blame the fierce competition for business, and also say the IMF has tended to encourage this easy-going practice.

Continental Illinois, the sixth largest bank here, recalls that in 1981 the IMF decided to give credit to countries with payments trouble. It started loans of up to three years equivalent to 450 percent of the recipient country's IMF quota in some cases.

Today the international bankers are relying on the IMF to persuade Mexico, Argentina and the other struggling countries to discipline their finances so that they can eventually pay back their commercial debts.

But Anthony Solomon, head of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, echoes another view when he warns against inter-bank deposits on the eurodollar market. These deposits are very often outside the control of the central banks, which is hazardous for the international monetary system, he says.

FAO urges states to fight hunger

ROME, Sept. 17 (AP) — The head of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization Friday called on legislators from 98 countries to help support the fight against hunger. He warned that the problem strikes "at the very foundation of international relations and jeopardizes world stability."

The FAO director, Edouard Saouma of Lebanon, told delegates to the 69th conference of the inter-parliamentary union here that "recent examples have shown hunger can rock regimes, increase social tensions, compromise the independence of the most vulnerable countries. The food weapon is more than just a temptation."

"Does anyone calculate the danger represented for humanity by the explosive existence of some one billion human beings living in absolute poverty, almost half of them below the threshold of malnutrition, and a privileged minority draining off and exhausting the world's wealth at an ever wilder rate?"

The IPU conference discussed the issue of world hunger, including a draft resolution inviting parliaments to help strengthen world food security and to observe World Food Day, Oct. 16.

Argentina acts to boost economy

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 17 (R) — Argentine Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe announced at a press conference a package of measures designed to reactivate the domestic economy and create new jobs.

They included ceiling prices for milk and bread, rationing of beef and petrol, lower taxes on wages, medicines and foodstuffs, and soft loans for buying homes and consumer durables.

Wehbe said the package is acceptable to the International Monetary Fund, to which Argentina will resort for credits within the next 30 to 90 days to help refinance loans and interest falling due by the end of this year.

Local economic analysts said the measures are in line with economic policies put forward by the grouping of five political parties who are expected to take over power from the military after elections scheduled to take place by end of next year.

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Top industrial states register output drop

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP) — Industrial production in the major industrial nations outside the United States declined during the second quarter of 1982, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Dutch to defy U.S. curbs

THE HAGUE, Sept. 17 (R) — A Dutch court Friday ordered a subsidiary of a United States company to fulfill a contract to supply equipment for the Soviet gas pipeline despite the U.S. embargo on deliveries.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Thursday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	15.15	15.15
Belgian Franc (1,000)	71.40	71.40
Canadian Dollar	279.00	279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	137.00	136.85
Dutch Guilder (100)	125.25	125.15
Egyptian Pound	3.35	3.40
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.50	93.70
French Franc (100)	48.75	48.55
Greek Drachma (1,000)	46.25	46.50
Indian Rupee (100)	35.52	35.52
Iranian Rial (100)	6.00	6.10
Israeli Lira (10,000)	24.50	24.34
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.10	13.10
Jordanian Dinar	9.58	9.545
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.82
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.00	73.05
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.50	55.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	27.75	27.75
Philippine Peso (100)	40.15	40.15
Pound Sterling	5.90	5.88
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00F	94.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	75.00	75.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	166.37	166.37
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	35.80	35.80
Syrian Lira (100)	34.5	34.4
Turkish Lira (1,000)	75.00	75.20
U.S. Dollar		
Yemeni Rial (100)		
Selling Price	Buying Price	
Gold kg.	49,950	49,750
10 Tola bar	5,850	5,800
Ounce	1,580	1,550

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the United States dropped by 1.7 percent during the April-June period of 1982 compared with the first quarter level and declined by 8.6 percent from the previous year.

The Commerce Department's production index covers 80 percent of the industrial production of member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) outside the United States. It is considered an early indicator of economic activity of major trading partners of the United States, providing exporters with a general measure of foreign demand.

In a special report, the commerce department said that of the five European countries in its index, only France and the United Kingdom recorded gains in their industrial output for the April-June period. The 0.3 percent rise in British production was attributed to a 7.3 percent rise in North Sea oil and gas extraction.

French industrial production during the April-June period rose by 0.7 percent from the first quarter 1982 level, the best quarterly record among the seven major industrial nations outside the United States. The equipment goods sector, led by the aerospace and electronics industries, recorded gains.

During the second quarter of 1982 the Netherlands sustained a 3.9 percent drop and West Germany and Italy recorded 1.5 percent reductions in industrial output.

Canadian industrial production slipped by 2.3 percent in the April-June period from first quarter levels as the production index dropped to its lowest level since the fourth quarter of 1978.

Second quarter industrial production by Japan fell by 2.3 percent from its January-March level, reflecting decreased demand for Japanese products in both foreign and domestic markets, the report said.

Concorde suffers another setback

PARIS, Sept. 17 (AFP) — Air France's Concorde flights on the Paris-Washington-Mexico route are to end by the end of this year, Transport Minister Charles Fiterman announced here Friday.

Later, Air France announced that the decision would leave it with a single daily Concorde service between Paris and New York.

Britain, France's partner in the Concorde project, has had a Concorde service only to New York since 1977.

Fiterman said that the concentration of all Concorde supersonic flights on the Paris-New York run would allow the airline to save 32.5 million francs (nearly \$4.5 million) next year.

In April this year, Air France ended its Concorde service to Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, and Santiago de Chile.

Since then, the airline's Concorde service has consisted entirely of 11 flights a week to North America, all of them passing through New York. Two went on to Washington and two more to Mexico.

Air France said in a communique released here that its Concorde service would now consist only of seven flights a week to New York, one each day.

"SIR, EVEN SOME OF THE PASSENGERS UP IN FIRST-CLASS ARE GETTING WORRIED"



\$4b standby credit

Banks respond to Paris plan

PARIS, Sept. 17 (R) — French officials said Friday the Socialist government's decision to seek a \$4 billion credit to help defend the ailing franc had met a positive response from major banks around the world.

The officials said arrangements for the 10-year standby credit, which dealers say has already helped steady the French currency after weeks of pressure, could be completed next week and would be signed at the start of October.

According to the officials, reaction to the move had been "very positive" from Japanese, Middle East, West German and French banks although there had been "initial hesitation" from U.S. financiers.

Despite this, early reticence from the Americans, the officials added, U.S. banks would now take on an important part of the credit, being coordinated for the government

by the French state-controlled Societe Generale.

The officials gave no details on the expected U.S. participation, but a spokesman for Societe Generale said two American banks, Morgan Guaranty Trust and Citibank, would probably provide \$100 million.

The government officials said Friday the French treasury would be able to draw on the credit, which matches the previous largest ever raised on the international markets for Petroleos Mexicanos in June, 1981, from the middle of next month. A "large amount" could be used before the end of the year, they indicated.

Finance Minister Jacques Delors said after the decision was announced Wednesday that the government had decided to raise the credit to demonstrate to international speculators it was determined to defend the franc at its present level.

Dollar closes on a weak note

LONDON, Sept. 17 (R) — The dollar ended lower on balance after a week of market confusion about the monetary stance of the U.S. Federal Reserve and political crises in West Germany and the Middle East, dealers said.

The mark was the center of attention following Friday's collapse of the left Liberal West German coalition.

After weeks of political uncertainty, it strengthened against the dollar and other key currencies here after Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's call for fresh elections, they said.

Operators had already started unwinding short positions against the mark ahead of the news, which some dealers said raised market hopes of a more conservative administration.

Immediately after the announcement, the dollar, already depressed by the Fed's addition of liquidity to the banking system Thursday, weakened further amid selling orders from Switzerland, amounting to about \$50 million, dealers said.

In an unusually thin market, the selling momentarily depressed the dollar to the day's low of 2.4860/80 marks, they said.

The dollar then rallied to a high of 2.5060/80 marks before closing at 2.4980/5000 after late selling originating in New York, dealers said. It closed here at 2.5120/35 Thursday and at 2.5200/10 last Monday.

Dealers said they detected no open market intervention by the Bundesbank as the mark also strengthened against other currencies, rising to 4.2750/2825 in terms of sterling at the close from 4.2976/3082 here overnight.

But dealers' early calculations showed the mark replace the Danish crown at the base of the European Monetary System.

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Paris	435.35
Frankfurt	445.97
Zurich	442.00
Hong Kong	442.14.

To protect prices

Mexico-OPEC talks likely

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP) — Mexico may soon consider holding face-to-face discussions with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on coordinating oil exports to prevent prices from collapsing, a special Mexican ambassador has said.

Mexico is not a member of OPEC, but cartel officials have courted Mexico in recent months with the aim of strengthening OPEC's ability to influence oil prices.

Fausto Zapata, the ambassador, said in an interview that Mexico was not interested in being a full-fledged member of OPEC. He added, however, that direct dealings with OPEC leaders could be one of the coming events for Mexico. We could reach a degree of agreement with OPEC without being a full member.

OPEC this year has seen its power to determine oil prices eroded by increased production from non-OPEC countries and by sagging demand for oil. Weak demand and excess supplies are threatening to force

prices down, a break that could be harmful for OPEC nations and for Mexico.

In Washington, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) warned that U.S. dependence on OPEC oil could increase "dramatically," and unless the United States works with its allies a new oil crisis would start a scramble for supplies that would hurt the alliance.

The report followed a statement last month by President Ronald Reagan that the U.S. vulnerability to an interruption of its oil imports has been "significantly lessened." Reagan said less than 30 percent of American oil supplies now come from abroad.

In another development, industry sources in the Gulf said Friday the OPEC market monitoring committee meeting in Abu Dhabi on Monday will probably reaffirm OPEC's commitment to try to defend the existing benchmark price of \$34 a barrel for Saudi crude.

U.K. inflation rate dips to 8%

LONDON, Sept. 17 (AP) — Britain's annual inflation rate, the one clear success of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's monetarist economic strategy, has fallen to eight percent, the lowest for nearly four years, the government reported Friday.

In the 12 months ending in August, prices rose by 8 percent compared with 8.7 percent the previous month. This is the lowest rate since October 1978.

For the second successive month, inflation stood still in August alone with the government's retail price index showing no increase in average prices during the month.

The 8-percent annual rate compares with a peak 21.9 percent a year after Mrs. Thatcher came to office in May 1979. Counter-inflation measures became the lynchpin of her economic policy, limiting credit and state spending.

To the anger of labor unions and opposition parties, however, she has done little to abate a sharp rise in unemployment which reached a post-depression record of 13.8 percent last month — nearly one in

seven out of work.

Leon Brittan, chief secretary to the treasury, forecast that inflation will fall to below 7.5 percent by the end of the year. He said unchanged prices for two months in a row was an achievement unparalleled for 13 years.

"Inflation has fallen in six of the last seven months. This downward trend will continue," he said. "The progress on inflation is excellent news for long-term prosperity, growth and prospects for employment."

Industry Secretary Patrick Jenkin said: "We are winning one of the most important of all our economic battles. The going is still far from easy, but we are steadily winning through."

The government hoped the rapid decline in inflation would bolster its attempts to contain pay settlements. It is locked in disputes with National Health Service workers, seeking a 12-percent increase, and coalminers who want 30 percent. Mrs. Thatcher wants pay hikes held to single figures.

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Orioles keep on Brewers' heels

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP) — Jim Palmer hurled a six-hitter as the rampaging Baltimore Orioles defeated the New York Yankees 3-1 Thursday night, completing a five-game series sweep while winning for the 24th time in 28 games.

The victory pulled the Orioles within one game of first-place Milwaukee in the American League East. In the second inning, Dave Winfield hit his 35th homer and pith in the last 14 games for the Yankees. It was the only run-off Palmer, 14-4, who has won 12 of his 13 last games.

The Orioles, who scored easy victories in the first four games of the series, took a 2-0 lead in the first inning off Dave Righetti, 9-9, as Eddie Murray and Gary Roenicke delivered RBI singles. Murray singled in the sixth and scored an unearned run on a two-out throwing error by shortstop Andre Ojeda.

Elsewhere in the American League, Willie Upshaw smacked a one-out single to score Aljor Griffin from third base with the winning run in the 12th inning as the Toronto Blue Jays edged the California Angels 2-1. Joe Simpson hit a two-run triple in the ninth inning, giving the Seattle Mariners a 4-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Rookie Glenn Wilson's two-run homer highlighted a four-run seventh inning as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-2 behind the six-hit pitching of Milt Wilcox.

Texas Rangers knuckleballer Charlie Hough won his fourth straight game, beating Minnesota 8-2 with the help of a three-run homer by Larry Parrish. Aurelio Rodriguez slugged four hits, including a game-winning single, to help the Chicago White Sox defeat the Oakland A's 6-3.

In the National League, Rookie Wilson had four hits, including a solo home run, and scored three runs and Craig Swan won his 10th game as the New York Mets ended Montreal's five-game winning streak by defeating the Expos 9-4.



Palmer... dazzling display

Murray... smashes two runs

Major League standings

American League					National League				
Eastern Division					Eastern Division				
W	L	Pct.	G-B		W	L	Pct.	G-B	
Milwaukee	86	60	.589		St. Louis	81	65	.552	1 1/2
Baltimore	85	61	.582	1	Philadelphia	80	65	.552	1 1/2
Boston	80	66	.548	6	Montreal	79	66	.545	2 1/2
Detroit	73	71	.507	12	Pittsburgh	77	68	.531	4 1/2
New York	73	73	.500	13	Chicago	65	83	.431	19
Cleveland	71	75	.483	14	New York	57	86	.398	23 1/2
Toronto	68	78	.466	18					
Western Division					Western Division				
W	L	Pct.	G-B		W	L	Pct.	G-B	
Kansas City	84	62	.575		Los Angeles	83	64	.565	
California	82	64	.562	2	Atlanta	80	66	.548	2 1/2
Chicago	78	67	.538	5 1/2	San Francisco	77	69	.527	5 1/2
Seattle	68	77	.469	15 1/2	San Diego	74	73	.503	9
Oakland	60	86	.411	24	Houston	68	78	.466	14 1/2
Texas	58	88	.397	26	Cincinnati	54	92	.370	28 1/2

Michael Spinks tipped to put it across Davis

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Sept. 17 (AFP) — American World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight champion Michael Spinks is to defend his title for the fifth time on Saturday here.

This time the brother of former world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, will meet compatriot John Davis, ranked world No. 3 by the WBA and No. 6 by the World Boxing Council (WBC).

Spinks, unbeaten in 21 fights, 14 of them won inside the limit, is firm favorite to retain his title. His previous rivals, Eddie Mustafa-Muhammad, from whom he took

the title in 1981, Vonzell Johnson, Mustafa Wassaja of Uganda, Murray Sutherland and Jerry Celestine, all defeated by knock out, were all more experienced than Davis.

Davis, 29, who has won 13 fights and lost three, nevertheless has some significant results to his credit. He has beaten the WBC titleholder and compatriot Dwight Braxton. But that was back in 1978 and Braxton has since avenged the defeat.

As an amateur he had a points win over former world heavyweight champion Gerry Cooney and in 1976 a points victory over Leon Spinks in the final of the Olympic selection meeting.

But Davis, who was late in turning professional, will need to do more than rely on past glory if he is to make any impression on Spinks this weekend. The fight will perhaps be the last before the unifying of the WBC and WBA titles. The Spinks camp already have their eye on his next bout with Braxton, a bout that should earn each boxer more than \$1 million.

Meanwhile, Mexico's Rafael "Bazooka" Limon puts his WBC junior lightweight title at stake when he fights South Korean Chung Il Choy in the 1992 Olympic Stadium at Los Angeles Saturday.

The 28-year-old Mexican held the title for four months up to March 1981 when London-based Cornelius Boza-Edwards of Uganda beat him. He regained the crown this year when he beat Rolando Navarete of the Philippines, who had surprisingly dethroned Boza-Edwards.

It will be the second time the South Korean has fought for the title. Navarete knocked him out in his first defense in January.

That was Il Choy's only defeat to date and, with 12 of his 13 wins coming inside the distance, he poses a serious threat to Limon, who has won 46, lost 11 and boxed two draws.

Toivonen leads

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, Sept. 17 (AFP) — Finland's Henri Toivonen took a slender lead as competitors returned to Douglas at the end of the first day of the Rothmans Manx International Rally Thursday.

After 16 special stages Toivonen's Opel Ascona was 18 seconds ahead of the Ford Escort of fellow Finn, Ari Vatanen. Jimmy McRae, defending his 1981 British Rally Championship title, held third place with his Rothmans Opel a further 19 seconds back.

To keep his crown 38-year-old McRae from Lanark needs to beat teammate Toivonen who currently holds a one point lead over Hannu Mikkola in the 1982 championship. Mikkola struck trouble early in the event and finished the first leg in eighth place over five minutes behind the leader.

His four wheel drive Audi Quattro, developed both fuel injection and gear box problems during the first day. Problems also overcame the two factory Talbot entries. Both Stig Blomqvist of Sweden, and former French champion Guy Frequelin retired their Sunbeam Lotus cars with engine failure within 100 yards of each other.

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MIPTC strikes hard on Stuttgart tourney

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP) — A Volvo Grand Prix tennis tournament in Stuttgart West Germany, has been fined \$20,000 by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC) it was revealed Thursday.

The fine, the largest ever against a player, official or tournament in the sport's history, was levied against the tournament for offering discounts on cars as an incentive for players to sign up for the \$75,000 event last July.

Grand Prix rules prohibit tournaments from offering money "or anything of value" as inducements to guarantee a player's appearance. It is believed that a number of players were offered significant discounts on new Mercedes-Benz cars.

Marshall Happer, pro council administrator, declined to discuss specifics in the case pending an appeal. He did acknowledge that the tournament directors had been notified about his decision.

On the action front, Chip Hooper and Blaine Willenborg teamed to upset the top-seeded team of Sherwood Stewart and Ferdi

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MIPTC strikes hard on Stuttgart tourney

Taygan, 6-3, 7-5, in the \$200,000 Lipton World of Doubles championships Thursday.

The unseeded pair of Americans took advantage of a back injury Stewart had suffered Wednesday to gain a berth in the quarterfinals. Stewart had spent the day taking medication and being treated and decided to play only two hours before the match.

Hooper and Willenborg broke Taygan's serve in the eighth game to win the set. They then rallied from 2-5 in the second set to take the final five games and win the match.

Also Thursday, the No. 2 team of American Steve Denton and South Africa's Kevin Curren came from a first set loss to beat Americans Andy Andrews and John Sadri, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3. Mark Edmondson and Kim Warwick a pair of Australians, who are seeded third, made it to the quarters by beating Andrew Pattison of South Africa and American Butch Walls, 7-5, 7-5.

The No. 4 team of Vic Amaya and Hank Pfister advanced by beating fellow Americans Tracy Delatte and Mel Purcell, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0. Brian Gottfried of the United States and Mexico's Raul Ramirez overcame a

threat from the unseeded team of Marty Davis and Chris Duke 3-6, 7-5, 6-8.

The No. 7 team of brothers Tim and Tom Gullickson also gained a berth in the quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over American Mike Cabill and South Africa's Bernie Mitton.

In Palermo, Sicily, unseeded Bolivian Mario Martinez upset Andres Gomez of Ecuador in three hard-fought sets to eliminate the top-seeded player from the \$100,000 Volvo tournament.

The second-round match, which ended in darkness Thursday evening after more than four hours of play, was marked by two tiebreakers. Martinez downed Gomez, winner of the Italian Open earlier this year, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. He moved into a quarterfinal clash with young Peruvian ace Pablo Arraya, seeded fifth in the competition held on the clay courts of the local tennis club.

In another late match, fourth-seeded Australian veteran John Alexander downed Spain's Martin Jaita 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Alexander plays Diego Perez of Uruguay in the quarterfinals.

Adams forges ahead as Floyd struggles

PINEHURST, N.C., Sept. 17 (AP) — John Adams, a none-winner in five years of PGA tour activity, birdied his last two holes to complete a four-under-par 67 that provided him with the first round lead Thursday in the \$250,000 Hall of Fame Classic.

But Adams, a distant 132nd on the Jason's money-winning list, had little confidence that his one-stroke advantage would stand up. "It doesn't matter who leads Thursday or Friday or Saturday. The best golfer will eventually finish top here Sunday," he said.

Some of the game's more recognized talents failed to support Adams' appraisal, however. PGA champion Ray Floyd, needing a victory here to close in on Craig Stadler and the money-winning lead, struggled to a three-over-par 74 and must improve Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds.

Lance Ten Broeck, Tommy Valentine, Lindy Miller and Jim Barber shared second

place a stroke back at 68, three-under-par on the 7,005-yard No. 2 course at the Pinehurst Country Club. Bobby Clampett topped a big group at 69.

Adams has won \$21,157 this year. His best finish this season has been a tie for fifth in the Tallahassee Open. Thursday he played the front nine in par 35, then ripped the back nine with a 32.

Meanwhile, the U.S. squad narrowly held on to the lead Thursday at the World Amateur Golf Championships, followed tenaciously by the Japanese team, after the second day of four-day competition at Lausanne, Switzerland.

Despite an enviable performance by veteran Jay Sigel of Philadelphia, whose 69 broke par of the opening round, the U.S. golfers only managed to maintain their two-stroke edge over the Japanese team. The Americans came off the greens with a day's score of 215, giving them a two-day total of

427.

France, 11th after the first round, moved up to fifth in the 31-nation field, with a two-day total of 439, behind Sweden and Taiwan.

John Bland, of South Africa, Thursday smashed the course record with an eight-under-par 64 to take the lead in the opening round of the \$119,000 Haig Tournament Players' Championship at Hollinwell, Nottinghamshire.

Bland broke the record by two strokes and was one shot ahead of Britain's Sandy Lyle, who fired by two strokes and was one shot ahead of Britain's Sandy Lyle, who fired a first round 65, playing with a new set of clubs, the South African collected nine birdies in his bid to win a first major European championship.

Lyle produced his best round of the season, including a 35-foot putt at the seventh hole. The Briton was three strokes ahead of the nearest challengers.

Donna, Kathy start favorites

PORTLAND, Oregon, Sept. 17 (AP) — Donna Caponi and Kathy Whitworth try to continue their domination of the Ping Team championship when the \$100,000 tournament begins Friday here.

Caponi and Whitworth, two of the most successful women's professional golfers in the history of the sport, have teamed to win three of the five Ping tournaments, including the last two in a row.

The 54-hole tournament, which concludes Sunday, will be held at the par-72, 5,699-meter course at the Columbia-Edgewater Country Club, located along the Columbia river in northeast Portland. The winners share the \$21,600 first prize.

The course is relatively tight, demanding accurate iron shots. It is the first time the tournament is being held at Columbia-Edgewater since Joanne Carner and Judy Rankin won the inaugural event in 1977.

The team event is played in the best-ball format, meaning the golfer with the best score on each hole will have that score count in the team tabulations. Six of the top ten money winners on this year's LPGA tour are among the field of 42 teams entered in this week's event.

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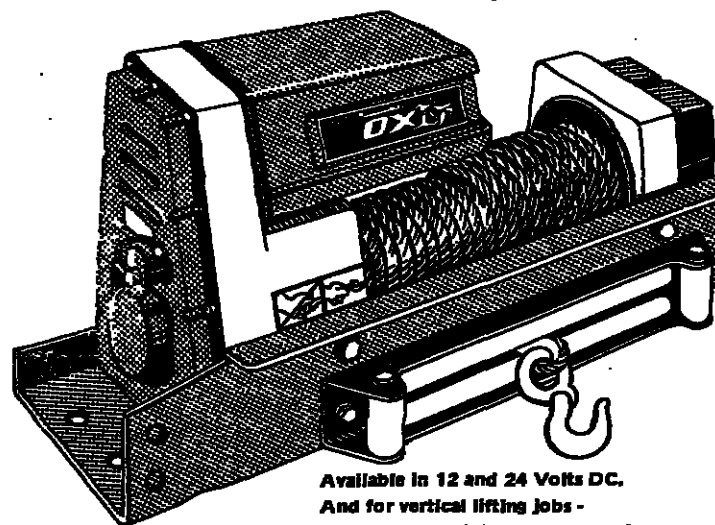
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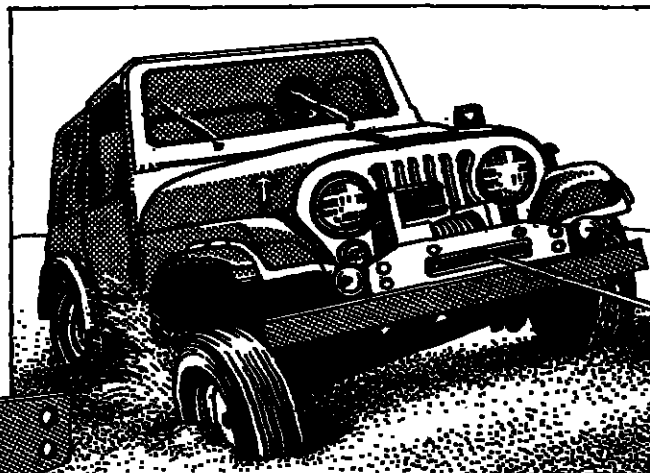
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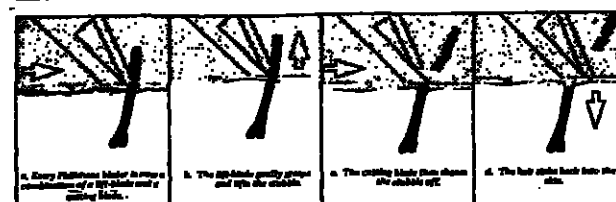
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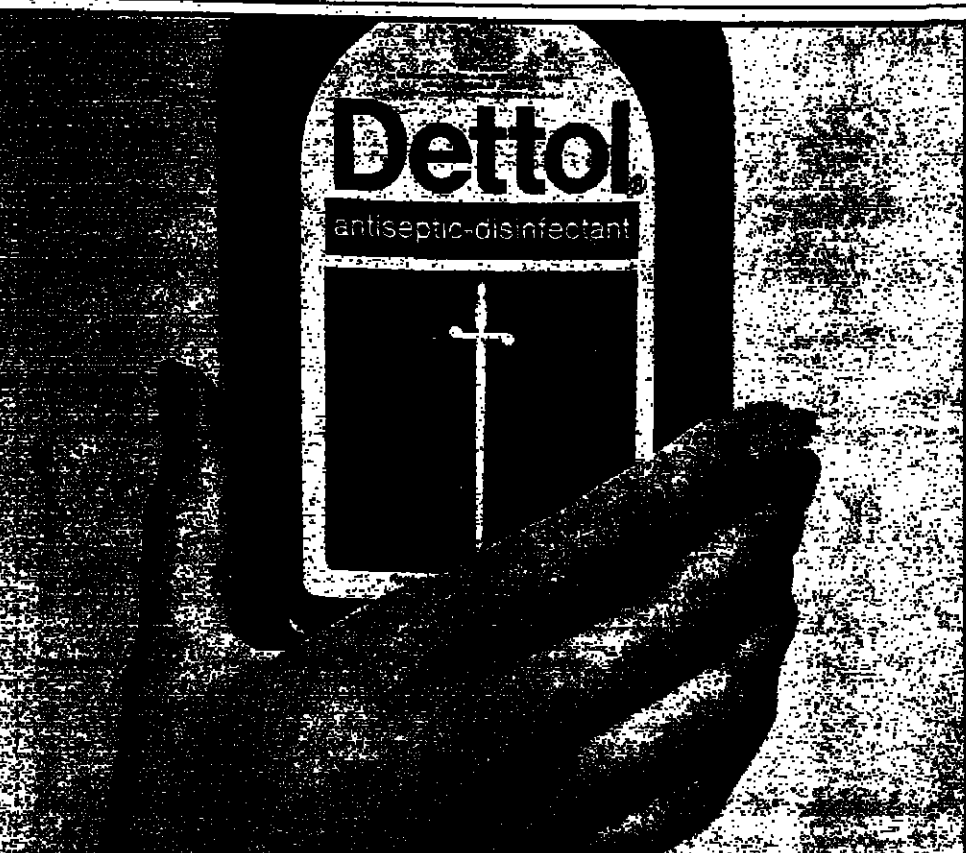
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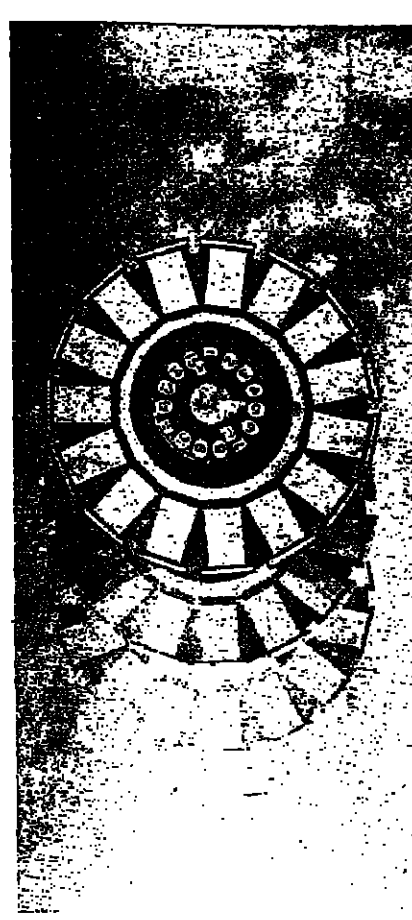
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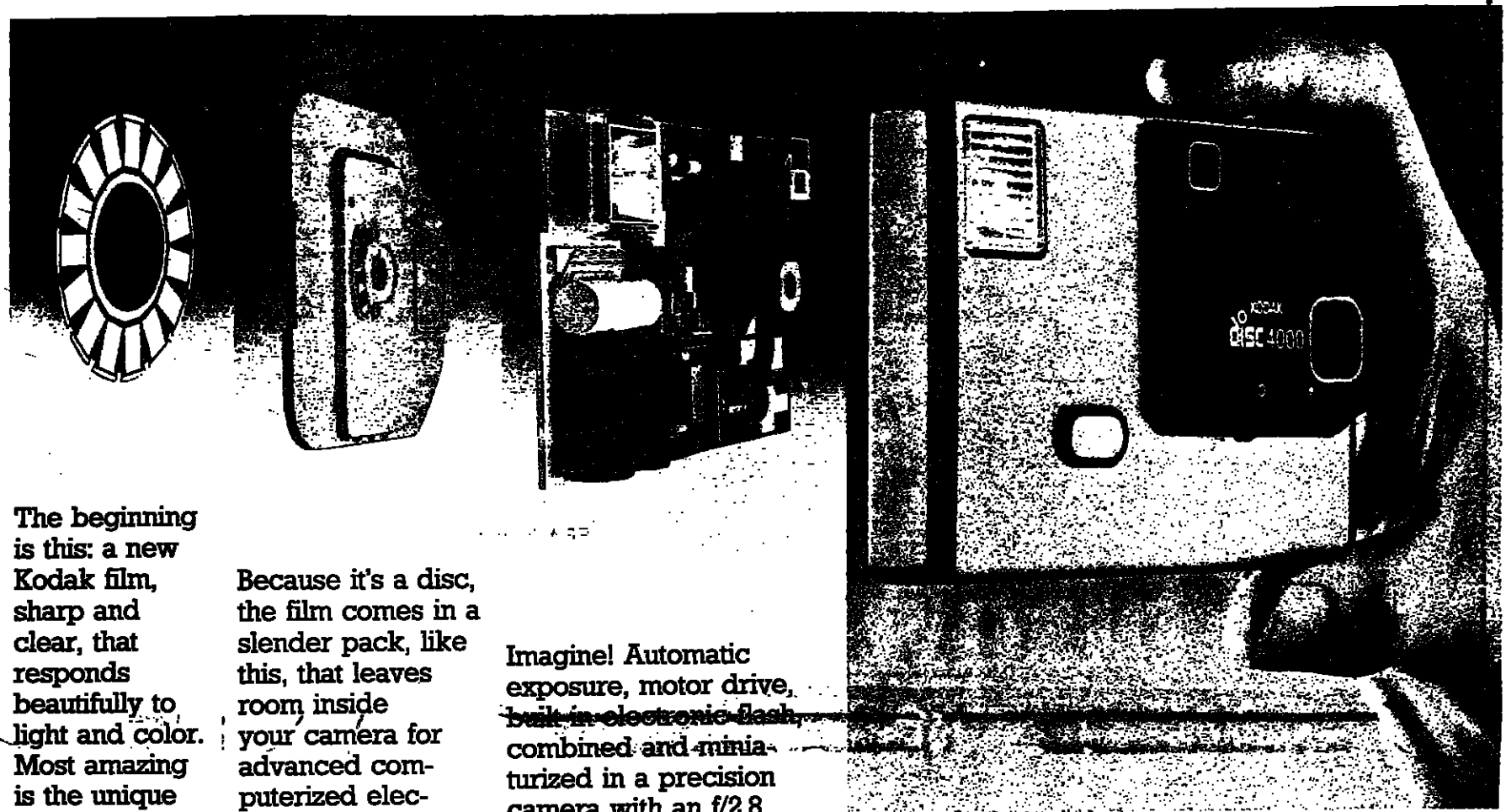
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Church condemns Polish regime

WARSAW, Sept. 17 (R) — Poland's Roman Catholic church said Friday the country was shaken by crisis and warned that the recent wave of street violence could lead to threat to the nation's existence.

In a strong statement against the conduct of the Communist regime issued after a meeting in Warsaw, the church also condemned the use of force against demonstrators by martial law authorities of the Communist regime. The statement appealed for concessions, "reconciliation and forgiveness", adding: "We must reject the road of pure negation and hatred."

The bishops' statement, tougher and more directly worded than communications after previous conferences this year, referred to the recent wave of violent street disturbances. "The situation is very difficult. All sorts of crises are shaking Poland. There are no marked signs that the social situation is improving and one cannot see any convincing prospects."

"The future fills us with concern. The growing wave of violent events might steer in a dangerous, or even tragic direction for our nation and state's existence," it said.

The statement said the bishops considered it their duty to stand up in defense of those who had been "beaten, injured or morally harmed during the latest incidents... especially at the end of August and the beginning of September."

Four persons were shot dead and dozens injured when riot police crushed demonstrations in support of the suspended trade union Solidarity on Aug. 31 and following days. The statement said the bishops deplored the desecration of shrines and the beating of young people which it said had taken place outside churches during the demonstrations.

"The bishops... resolutely maintain that the use of force by anyone should be deplored. In view of the further aggravation of our country's situation, the episcopal conference has decided to submit to the state authorities a special memorandum," it said. The statement gave no details of the memorandum.

Meanwhile, in a move demonstrating the new tough attitude to opposition, police arrested Professor Jan Jozef Lipski, who returned to Warsaw voluntarily from London Wednesday to face the charge of trying to overthrow the Polish state. The professor, a founder member of the disband dissident movement KOR which was closely associated with Solidarity, now faces the same charges as KOR's former leader, Jacek Kuron.

Thatcher tells Suzuki U.S.-Europe ties strong

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Japanese counterpart Zenko Suzuki Friday that West European contracts with the Soviet Union for the Siberian natural gas pipeline did not undermine the Western alliance, despite U.S. objections, Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said.

Mrs. Thatcher, shortly after arriving here for a five-day state visit, reportedly reassured the Japanese leader of continued strong U.S.-European ties despite European defiance of U.S. sanctions on the pipeline in connection with the imposition of martial law in Poland.

Suzuki expressed concern that the extension of credit to the Soviet Union could affect the global strategy of the West, the officials said. He said he wanted to discuss the pipeline question further, because Japanese companies are also involved in the Soviet project.

The two leaders got right down to business within hours of Mrs. Thatcher's arrival here as the first British prime minister to officially visit Japan in a decade.

They also agreed in the 30-minute meeting that the two nations should conclude as soon as possible a bilateral technology agreement, and set the agenda for their more extensive talks on Monday.

Mrs. Thatcher proposed that the two leaders discuss five topics: Bilateral relations including Britain's trade deficit with Japan, scientific and technical

cooperation, the world economy, China and the issue of Britain's lease on the new territories area of Hong Kong, and the dispute over a Soviet natural gas pipeline opposed by the United States.

Before the meeting, Mrs. Thatcher, accompanied by her husband Denis, was greeted by Suzuki, Japanese officials, diplomats, and paper flag-waving children during a brief welcoming ceremony at the state guest house in central Tokyo, where she will stay while in Tokyo.

Wearing a navy blue dress with sheer sleeves, Mrs. Thatcher greeted a lineup of Japanese and foreign dignitaries at the French-style state guest house under fair skies. British Ambassador to Japan Hugh Cortazzi introduced Britain's leader to the retinue, which waiting on a red-carpeted runway outside the ornate white stone building, styled after the Versailles Palace.

Accompanied by Suzuki, Mrs. Thatcher reviewed a guard of honor, clad in white summer uniforms, in the cobblestoned forecourt of the Akasaka Palace. Security was strict after police reported two groups of right-wing extremists planned to disrupt the visit because of the recent war between Britain and Argentina.

Japanese police said they had raided the headquarters of one of the groups Friday and confiscated leaflets calling for force to be used to stop the Thatcher visit. More than 3,000 police were on duty.



GUARD OF HONOR: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her Japanese counterpart Zenko Suzuki review a guard of honor in Tokyo Friday.

Queen welcomes warrior prince

PORTSMOUTH, England, Sept. 17 (AP) — Prince Andrew, Britain's warrior prince, came home from the Falklands War Friday aboard the aircraft carrier *Invincible* to a kiss from his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, and a tumultuous welcome at Portsmouth Navy Base.

The 22-year-old Andrew, now third in line to the British throne and a helicopter pilot during the Falklands conflict, told reporters the 74-day campaign was "an experience I wouldn't have missed."

Queen Elizabeth accompanied by her husband, Prince Philip, and daughter, Princess Anne, welcomed the *Invincible*.

An estimated 15,000 persons lining the harbor cheered as the 19,500-ton flat-top inched toward its berth. The *Invincible* sailed for the South Atlantic April 5, one of the first warships in the British task force to leave for the Falklands after the islands were seized by Argentina three days earlier.

Many of the *Invincible*'s 1,000-man crew lined the flight deck in newly pressed blue uniforms as the warship headed into a rousing, emotional welcome from families, friends and throngs waving Union Jack flags. Many had camped around the harbor all night for vantage points.

Protests force decision Bolivia army to shed power

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — The Bolivian armed forces have decided to hand over power to the Congress dissolved by a military coup three weeks after its election in June 1980, high military sources said Friday.

The sources told Reuters that the Congress would convene in 10 days. An official announcement would be made later Friday at the end of a two-day meeting of military commanders. The sources said President Guido Vildoso had been informed of the decision early Friday.

Information Minister Luis Penaranda said the convening of the 1980 Congress was favored by a majority of the country's military commanders but that other possibilities had minority support at the meeting. He did not elaborate.

Members of that Congress, elected in the June 1980 national elections, were stopped from taking office by the coup led by ex-President Luis Garcia Meza in July 1980. A series of military regimes have ruled

here since that coup, with Vildoso taking power just last July, appointed to the post by top commanders of the three armed forces.

Meanwhile, organized labor and civic groups in most Bolivian cities went on strike, calling for economic policy changes and forcing Gen. Vildoso's government to step down. Labor groups have increased pressure throughout the week on Vildoso to hand over power to a civilian government. Public transport, government offices and most businesses were closed in La Paz and other cities.

Labor groups here called a 48-hour general strike for La Paz, a city of just under one million people and were reported to be considering calling for an indefinite nationwide general strike if the regime leaders do not give in to their demands by the weekend.

Nationwide anti-government demonstrations here and in other cities called for the government to step down immediately. Those demonstrations were organized by the central Obrera Boliviana Labor Confederation, which groups an estimated 95 percent of Bolivian workers.

Aid sought to liberate Tibet

NEW DELHI, Sept. 17 (AFP) — The radical Tibetan Youth Congress, which claims a membership of 10,000 in India and abroad will take up arms against the Communist Chinese if "non-violent means to liberate" their homeland fail, the congress chairman was quoted Friday as saying.

Losang Jinpa, in an interview published, said "we are fighting for an independent Tibet... and in this connection we welcome any assistance in any form from any quarter of the world." Jinpa would not comment on reported Soviet military assistance to exiled Tibetans but he said Soviet attitudes toward Tibetans had changed considerably in recent years.

Jinpa's statement coincided with a tour of the Soviet Union by the Tibetan spiritual and temporal leader, the Dalai Lama. The Tibetan leader left Saturday on a six-nation tour which includes Moscow and Paris. Jinpa said at least three Tibetan refugee delegations had visited the Soviet Union to attend Buddhist conferences and interfaith services during the past three years.

Britain jails 5 Tanzanian hijackers

LONDON, Sept. 17 (AP) — Five Tanzanians who hijacked an Air Tanzania jet in February and held 86 passengers and crew hostage at an airport outside London were convicted Friday and sentenced to prison terms of between four and eight years.

An Old Bailey criminal court jury deliberated for two hours before returning its verdict at the end of the 10-day proceeding. Britain's first hijack trial. Judge Sir Harry Woolf told the defendants they had subjected the passengers and crew of the jetliner to an "appalling" experience.

The Boeing 737 was seized Feb. 26, 30 minutes after taking off from the northern

An Indian analyst said the Soviet invitation to the Dalai Lama was clearly aimed at irritating the Chinese and in the long run at using the Tibetans if and when the situation became ripe. "By logic, the Soviets and the exiled Tibetans should be the natural allies of each other... It is surprising that it took so long for them both to understand," he said.

The Dalai Lama fled Tibet to India with some 100,000 followers in 1959 after an unsuccessful uprising against China. But in 1978 he said he would give up the demand for a free Tibet if he was convinced the majority of Tibetans was happy under Chinese Communist rule. Tibetan delegations who were allowed to return to Tibet accused the Chinese of cultural genocide and a second refugee delegation was expelled after a demonstration of support in Lhasa.

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Ghana tribunal tries ousted officials

ACCRA, Sept. 17 (AFP) — Ghana's revolutionary authorities have started trying members of the government ousted in the New Year's Eve coup, inaugurating a special tribunal outside the existing legal system with powers to award the death sentence.

The tribunal was set up by the Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) soon after flight lieutenant Jerry Rawlings seized power again, almost nine months ago.

The first people to appear before the tribunal were prominent members of the proscribed majority Peoples' National Party (PNP) of ousted President Limann. They are Krobo Edusei (alias Kwaku Poku), who was

Tanzania center of Mwanza on a 90-minute domestic flight to the capital, Dar Es Salaam.

The hijackers, demanding the ouster of Tanzania's Socialist president, Julius Nyerere, forced the pilot at gunpoint to fly to Nairobi, Kenya, to refuel.

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The president of the nine-member tribunal told the opening session Wednesday, which was open to the public, that he felt Limann should be considered for trial along with the other accused. There is no appeal against sentences handed out by the tribunal.

America to boost links with Philippines

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AFP) — The United States will make every effort to strengthen relations with the Philippines in the interest of peace and security in Asia, President Ronald Reagan told President Ferdinand Marcos here.

At a banquet in his guest's honor Thursday night, Reagan said that the "strength of this alliance is a major factor in contributing to the security of the Philippines and to the maintenance of peace and security in Asia."

Marcos, meanwhile, "faces a mixed reception in Congress as he meets with the foreign affairs committees of the Senate and the House on the second day of his official visit in Washington."

Eight Democratic representatives opposed the visit on the ground of alleged human rights violations by his regime, and five senators, three of them members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, urged President Reagan on Monday to emphasize the U.S. government's concern for the respect of civil liberties.

Reagan, however, prefers "quiet diplomacy" on the issue and chose to praise the Philippine leader's achievements as he welcomed him in the White House Monday. Asked by journalists if the Manila government still had a long way to go on the road to free democracy, Reagan simply said "we all do."

This approach is expected to be favored by the majority of the congressional leaders, who share the administration's view that human rights trends in the Philippines are "favorable and that friendship between the two nations is paramount to U.S. security interests in Asia."

The future of an extradition treaty signed between Manila and Washington which should be submitted to the Senate for ratification next spring, should be on the agenda of Friday's talks on Capitol Hill.

Important progress was made during Monday's meetings between the two leaders. The United States agreed to open talks next April, eight months earlier than expected, on the economic and military aid they pay for use of two important military bases in the Philippines. The American assistance now amounts to \$100 million a year, and President Marcos has indicated that he would seek a substantial increase. Administration sources said his standpoint appeared reasonable.

On separate issues, Reagan announced the Eximbank would grant \$204.5 million to the Philippines in guarantees for the financing of a nuclear plant in Butuan (Mindanao), and the two delegations agreed on regular consultations between defense ministers.

Following a luncheon at the State Department, agreements on air transport and avoidance of double taxation of individuals and corporations between the two countries were formally concluded.

The atmosphere of the White House reception, described as "extremely cordial", contrasted with a protest staged by about a hundred demonstrators denouncing the Marcos regime.

17 hurt as JAL plane overshoots runway

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (R) — At least 17 persons were injured Friday when a Japan Airlines (JAL) DC-8 overshoot the runway while trying to make an emergency landing at Shanghai Airport, a JAL spokesman said. He said the injured, who were taken to hospital, included the pilot and co-pilot of the aircraft which came to rest 150 meters at the end of the runway.

The spokesman said the plane returned to Shanghai after taking off from Tokyo with 113 passengers and 11 crew after a warning light indicated a hydraulic system fault. The spokesman said at least four persons were carried away from the plane on stretchers while the other injured were able to walk to ambulances.

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